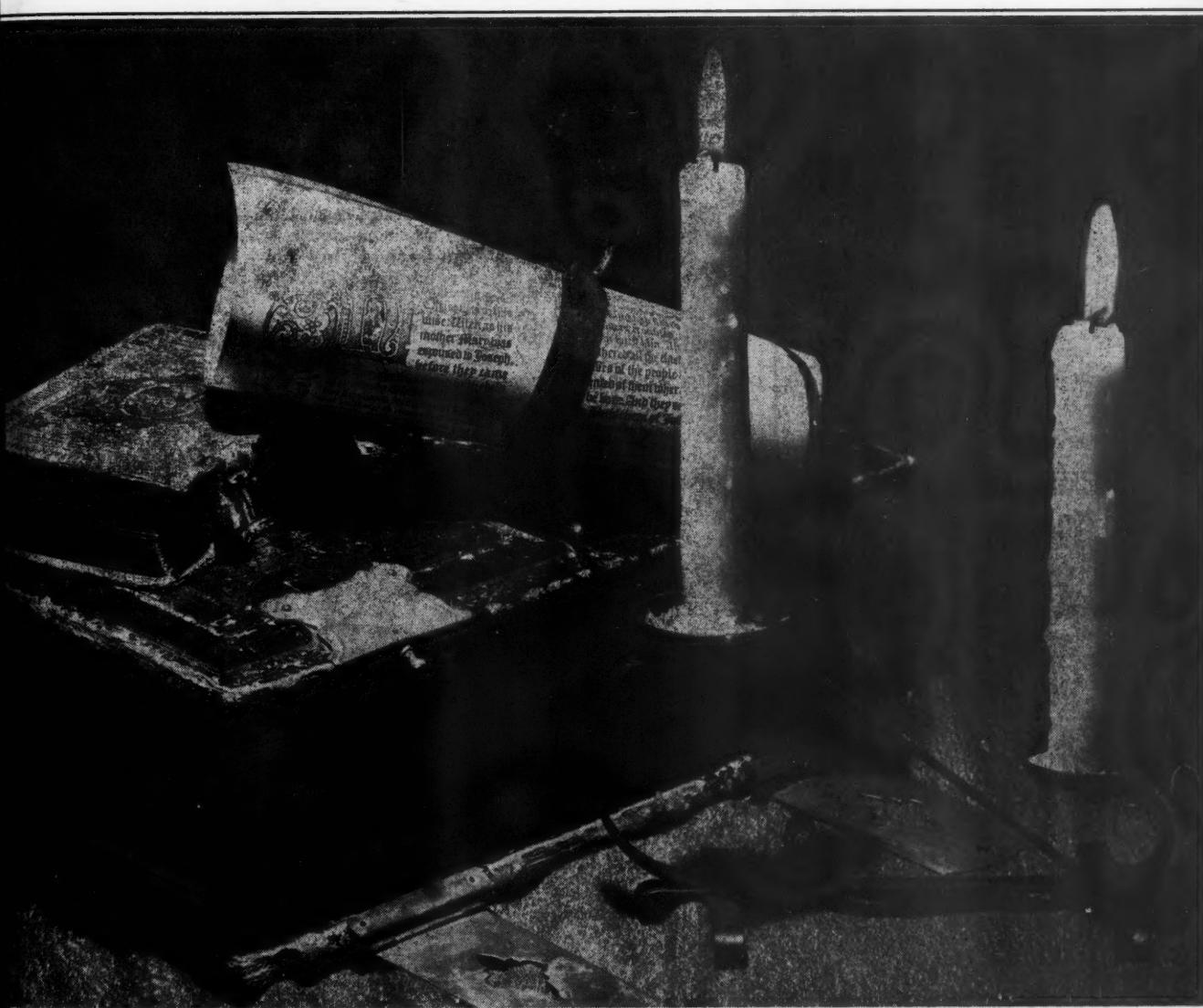


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Scanning the Headlines

"The Defender Views the News"

Communism's Goal: Soul Destruction

Competent witnesses before a House Committee have just testified that the number of persons murdered by the Red Chinese during the past ten years is believed to be about 30-million. This agrees fairly well with other estimates that have been compiled from time to time and must be accepted as a reasonable figure.

Mao Tse-tung has declared that he could spare 100-million or more Chinese on his road to victory over decency, culture and civilization. Apparently he is out to prove his point.

Christianity, and all major religions, place a high value upon the worth of the individual. Communism cares nothing for the individual and will sacrifice any number to advance the Marxist goal.

The witnesses in the present testimony are mostly escaped Chinese Christians. They tell of the cruelty and vengeance with which the Communists are attempting to exterminate all adherence to the Christian religion. Next in line are those of the Confucian and Buddhist faiths and in fact any group teaching moral behavior on the basis of absolute standards of right and wrong.

The Communists accept nothing as right except that which advances their atheistic, materialistic ideology of might makes right. The Communist objective is not only to destroy the physical bodies of those who oppose them, but they would also exterminate the ideologies which animate them.

They seek to destroy the ideas, the hopes, the faith and the whole sense of values underlying what we describe as our Western Christian civilization. In fact, they would destroy man as a creature having the capacity of sonship to God and reduce him to the level of the brute.

Dr. Charles Malik, former foreign minister of the Lebanese government, does well to say as he did in Washington recently:

"Free representative government, the primacy of the human person, the moral law, the continuity of history, freedom, truth and God — it is these things that are at stake today.

"They are all rejected and opposed from without and some of them are doubted or compromised from within. Is life worth living without them? And yet if people do not wake up, life will not be worth living. A mighty spiritual revival therefore is needed." —*Christian Economics*

A Prediction

Internationalletter, in a recent news release, states that: "As controversy dies, National Council of Churches leaders in the United States will press for opportunity to visit 'Christian' leaders in Red China."

"Purpose of the trip," the report continued, "will be to bring back 'firsthand' reports on conditions and ammunition to shape public opinion and bring about Red China recognition by the U.S.A. Major periodicals in America will provide assistance."

A few months ago the religious world was startled by a recommendation of the National Council of Churches that Red China be recognized. Later, when pressure was exerted, the Council's administration halfheartedly disowned the statement, claiming the pronouncement was made by an advisory committee, not by the entire Council. (See "Is There Subversion In The Church," July *Defender*, pages 8-11)

Having observed National Council activities since the inception of the organization (including the days when it called itself the Federal Council of Churches), *The Defender* sees no reason for doubting the prediction as quoted above. The propaganda mills are already rolling. Watch your daily papers for the fulfillment of this blasphemous scheme.

The Amplified New Testament

The Zondervan Publishing House, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan recently announced that, on the first anniversary of the publication of the Amplified New Testament, they released the 260-thousandth copy of this fabulous translation, which is continuing to sell at the rate of 5-thousand copies a week.

In conjunction with the observance of this anniversary, the firm also announced that plans have now been completed, in arrangement with the Lockman Foundation of California, to bring out an Amplified Old Testament, to be followed at a later date by an Amplified Bible.

Work is already well along, and the first half of the Amplified Old Testament is expected to be ready some time during 1961, they explained. Further details of publication for the Amplified Old Testament and the Amplified Bible will be announced as soon as possible by the Publishers.

Summerfield Vs. Chatterley

When people persist in eating literary garbage, it is time that someone put up the "No Trespassing" sign. Postmaster General Summerfield deserves credit for having the courage to blow the whistle and saying what is and what is not fit for carrying in our mails.

So declared Dr. Robert A. Cook, Vice President of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Illinois, concerning the present flood of pornographic and obscene material flooding the mails and the banning of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by the Postmaster General.

"There is hope for a government," Dr. Cook declared, "when it has the backbone to stand up for what is right rather than expedient. It is too bad that there is presently no way to deal with the Chatterley type of book other than to ban it from the mails, with resultant glamorizing as a kind of 'forbidden fruit.' But when people persist in eating garbage, one needs to put up the 'No Trespassing' sign. You would do the same thing if your children started to eat bugs and worms."

Such a book, he said, leaves the reader with a moral hangover, personally debased and with permanent injury to the stuff of your soul, adding:

"We might as well face it frankly. We are in danger of becoming a nation of moral morons if we allow material such as this to become a part of our national thinking. It is brilliant writing, true, but there is sewage in the ink, if you

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please. There is an attempt to leave the impression that sin can be beautiful, and bluntly, sin is not beautiful. It is sin, plain old sin. Banning such books is, of course, only a part of a needed plan. Until people, especially youth, have a built-in spiritual control, they will continue to be the victims of the people who traffic in ordure and have no concern for human character, personal or national. And that built-in control comes through reading the Bible and knowing Christ as Saviour and as Lord of your life."

Dr. Cook added that the Christian church faces the challenge of filling the gaps left by such bannings by developing the writers and the material to put into the hands of people. Scripture Press, of which he is Vice President, has a worldwide program of Sunday School and other literature doing this very thing (see their announcement, page 31, this *Defender*).

The Bible And You

THE THEME for this year's National Bible Week, to be observed October 19-25, is "The Bible And You." This is the event which has been sponsored each year since 1941 by the Laymen's National Committee, an inter-faith, non-political, non-profit organization dedicated to the proposition that America was founded on man's consciousness of God, man's daily labor and the fruits therefrom.

The theme, "The Bible and You," is a most apt and fortunate choice at this particular time. Never in history has man stood in such need of the comfort and solace which lie between the covers of God's Holy Book — the Bible.

The world sits on the brink of what can develop into a war that would utterly destroy it. These are most trying times. We are living in a haze of constant tension, in a world where the dark thunder-clouds of war hang over the horizon and seemingly refuse to move on. There is an ever-present threat of disaster, that would result in the complete destruction of the civilization laboriously built up over an era of many centuries.

Serving as National Chairman for 1959 National Bible Week is H. E. Humphreys, Jr., Chairman of the Board, The United States Rubber Company. In accepting this important assignment, Mr. Humphreys had this to say:

"We need spiritual and moral guidance today more than ever before. Our day-to-day problems sometimes seem to overwhelm us. The space age poses questions we do not fully understand. And all around us we see evidence of moral irresponsibility, tempting us to ignore the religious principles we were taught to follow.

"There is no better guide, no better set of principles or source of inner strength than the Holy Bible. It is the answer for us as individuals, as a society, and as a world searching for the truth."

At about the time Mr. Humphreys agreed to act as National Chairman of 1959 National Bible Week, he received another invitation. This came from his friend, Donald I. Rogers, whose column, "Wall Street, U.S.A.", appears regularly in the New York *Herald-Tribune* — to do a guest column while he (Rogers) was on vacation.

Mr. Humphreys eagerly accepted this further assignment because it afforded him an excellent opportunity to publicize National Bible Week in one of America's greatest newspapers.

In this guest column he stated that he'd been in a quandary about accepting the National Bible Week Chairmanship because he frankly admitted he is no expert on the Bible.

THE AMERICAN WAY



He did accept because he believes, like many of his fellow business executives, that an application of religious principles is necessary to the successful conduct of business. In part, here is what Mr. Humphreys had to say in his guest column:

"Today its (the Bible's) teachings carry more weight than ever before. The space age poses questions we do not fully understand. The nuclear race has us sitting at the edge of potential extinction. And the propaganda mills of communism blast our ears with that most tiresome statement, 'Religion is the opiate of the people.'

"We hasten to remind the Soviet rulers of a quotation from an early *Tribune* editor, Horace Greeley: 'It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.'

"... within ourselves we fight a constant battle against moral irresponsibility, the temptation to 'cheat just a little' and the ever-evading philosophy of trying to get something for nothing.

"We search for the simple, multi-purpose pill, one that will solve all the problems that sometimes seem to overwhelm us. We finally conclude that there is no such miracle drug. We are drawn again to the Holy Bible for spiritual and moral guidance, inner strength and the best set of principles the business man, or any man, will ever find."

Well said, Mr. Humphreys! The Laymen's National Committee joins with you in urging all within our fifty states and in the ten provinces of our sister Dominion of Canada, to put the Bible to work, if they have not already been doing so. A most opportune time to start such a wise and helpful procedure will be during 1959 National Bible Week — October 19-25. Verily, "The Bible and You" make an unbeatable combination! —George Peck.

NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S RECORD

A Documented Account

Senator Thomas J. Dodd

Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: Mr. Dodd, who is at present serving the citizens of Connecticut in the United States Senate, recently made one of the most important speeches ever delivered in the halls of Congress. Due to lack of space, it is possible to share with Defender readers only a small portion of his remarks.

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON, in a peculiarly inept statement, has described Nikita Khrushchev as a man who "worked his way up from the bottom." Before we accept the Vice President's "rags to riches" summary of Khrushchev's career, let us get the facts into the record.

If Khrushchev's rise to power can be described as working up from the bottom, it should also be added that he did so through a singular career of murder, treachery, and betrayal.

Khrushchev first appears in history as a Communist official in the Ukraine in the early 1930's helping to direct the program of planned starvation which resulted in the death of five million Ukrainians.

In 1938 Khrushchev was appointed Communist chief in the Ukraine. He was appointed to that position as a reward for his previous ruthlessness and cruelty. His task was to direct the great Ukrainian purge of that year.

It is all a matter of history. I fear that some of our young people have never learned it. Some of our older people have forgotten it, and some of our leaders do not now want to remember it.

Authorities on Ukrainian history estimate that 400-thousand men, women and children were murdered under Khrushchev's overall direction in that single year.

Perhaps a fully documented account of the purge in one of the districts of the Ukraine will give a graphic picture. I have the documentation. It is here, if anyone questions it.

Three months after Khrushchev rose to power in the Ukraine, 12-thousand people were murdered in the small city of Vinnitsa; each of the victims was shot in the back of the neck — in some cases two or three times.

They were thrown into mass graves. Their fate was unknown to their families and townspeople until the graves were accidentally discovered several years later.

The documentation on Vinnitsa is complete, with hundreds of photographs, reliable details of eyewitness accounts, and authoritative medical records.

This is what Khrushchev did in one small city. The atrocities of Vinnitsa were repeated throughout the Ukraine.

He continued to rise in Communist ranks through his participation in other purges in the Ukraine right up to the German conquest of that area in 1941.

Totalitarianism

Following the war, he was sent back by Stalin to direct the crushing of the resistance of the Ukrainian people to the reimposition of Communist rule.

We have lived in an era of totalitarian regimes, regimes which have perpetrated crimes on so gigantic a scale that people cannot comprehend them, crimes so often repeated that our sensibilities become fatigued and our reaction dulled.

Many who would be shocked by an individual murdered in their hometown have come to accept organized murder, the organized annihilation of distant

millions, as a fact of twentieth century life. And when these crimes are obscured by the passage of twenty years, many cease to respond altogether.

I cannot explain this, but I know it to be a fact. Perhaps some day psychologists will be able to explain it. Nevertheless, it remains a fact in our time, and it greatly assists the Communists and all other totalitarian regimes in carrying out their plans.

If there are those who feel that the mass murder of thousands of human beings loses its relevance after the passage of twenty years, I point out Khrushchev's role in the massacre of the Hungarian patriots in 1956. Perhaps in this way I can help them to understand a little more clearly.

If time is at the root of their trouble in comprehending, understanding, or reacting to crime on an enormous scale and distant in time, then let us take a recent time, 1956.

The Hungarian Massacre

It was Khrushchev who in 1956 ordered the Red army to invade Hungary, depose the legal government of Imre Nagy and ruthlessly massacre Hungarian civilians in all areas where there was open opposition.

It was Khrushchev who invited the Hungarian commanding officer and patriot, General Pal Maleter, to negotiations under flag of truce — historically, traditionally, from ancient times, a custom of honor — and once he got him under the flag of truce, he then had him arrested by the chief of the Soviet secret police, General Serov.

It was Khrushchev who lured Premier Imre Nagy and his colleagues out of their sanctuary in the Yugoslav Embassy by perfidiously offering them an assurance of safe conduct and then kid-

"Communism is total evil. It is all black. There is nothing gray about it. Its ends are evil. Its means to those ends are evil." — Honorable Thomas J. Dodd, United States Senate

napped them as they emerged from the Embassy.

It was Khrushchev who one year ago horrified the conscience of the free world by ordering the murder of General Malter and Prime Minister Nagy after secret trials on fraudulent charges.

Nikita Khrushchev rose to Communist prominence as the hangman of the Ukraine. He has maintained himself in power as the "butcher of Budapest."

He has on his hands the blood of countless thousands of innocent people who were murdered under his personal direction. He is responsible for the continued suffering of millions in slave labor camps.

He is the principal world spokesman for the ruthless attack on religion under which Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Beran, and countless other churchmen of various faiths have been persecuted.

In addition to his personal crimes, he is the principal representative of the system of concentration camps, mass murder, brainwashing, militant atheism, the organized promotion of falsehood and lies and the planned ultimate enslavement of the entire non-Communist world.

Divide And Conquer

The Washington Post has reported accounts of a possible meeting between De Gaulle and Khrushchev and a meeting between Adenauer and Khrushchev. Thus Khrushchev has achieved an important victory in his long effort to divide the Western alliance. He is now negotiating with allied leaders one by one.

This has been a longtime objective of the Soviet leaders. Now they have it almost within their grasp. This is what they have wanted. It appears that we have handed it to them on a platter.

Khrushchev will do everything in his power to split the principal members of the free world alliance. Each of these governments must contend at home with a political opposition which can be counted on to exploit any indication that the United States and Russia are rearranging world affairs.

The President may succeed — and I hope he will — in temporarily allaying the misgivings of our chief allies, but the danger of a beginning of distrust, suspicion, and division is a serious possibility.

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the pattern of Communist penetration, the peoples of these free nations, from whom political power flows, must be willing to continue and even to increase their sacrifices.

Their willingness to do so will depend upon the extent to which they understand the evil of communism, and comprehend the menace which it poses for all free peoples.

That is the crying need of the hour — leadership which will help the people of the free world really to understand and comprehend the menace of communism, the evil of communism, what it means and what it poses for free people all over the world. *God give us such leadership at this hour.*

Recent history indicates all too clearly that where there is no strong public awareness of the danger, the defenses of free nations fall into disrepair.

The foolhardy demobilization of the postwar era, and the periodic free world realizations which followed demonstrate this all to clearly. History seems to be repeating itself over and over again.

The danger was never greater than it is now. Yet there seems to be no sense of urgency on the part of the American Government or the American people.

I have no illusions about my role here today. I have lived long enough to believe that I am fairly sensitive to the tides of opinion, and to know that what I have said today and what I shall say in the remaining minutes of my speech will not be welcome or popular.

But so long as God gives me the strength and the power to speak out on this subject, I shall do so. There are better voices and better minds in this body and in this land who should be speaking today, who should not be supine or cowed in this hour of crisis.

What Is Communism?

An adequate national response to the challenge of world communism is impossible without a recognition of what it is. That is what is needed. We have got to make clearer to people what communism is.

A short time ago I made my own appraisal of communism. I repeat it now. Communism is total evil. It is all black. There is nothing gray about it. There is nothing good about it. Its ends are evil. Its means to those ends are evil.

If, by force of circumstances, Communists are for something right, it is only as an expedient to advance their evil ends.

If they occasionally appear in a worthy light, it is because they must make

some appeal to human needs and aspirations.

When they educate the ignorant, it is to perfect their apparatus of enslavement.

When they industrialize, it is to strengthen their capacity for aggression.

When they talk peace, it is just another means of waging war.

When they allow long overdue improvements in living conditions, it is evidence that even Communist oppressors must make some concessions to the wishes of the oppressed.

There is no evil so appalling that Communists would shrink from it, if it would effectively advance their ends. There is no atrocity so hideous that they would not willingly commit it if it served their purposes.

The Challenge Of The Age

I must confess that, as my first session in the United States Senate moves toward an end, I feel ever more strongly an unavoidable conviction that the Government and people of our country are not measuring up to the challenge of our age.

Faced with the clear need for a vastly enlarged national defense effort, we have come forth with an inadequate defense budget.

Faced with the necessity for a more vigorous and dynamic mutual security program, we have failed almost completely to make any substantial improvement.

Faced with startling Communist advances in scientific technology and in education, our own plans for the revitalization of our education have fizzled and died out.

Faced with the crying need to communicate an ideology around which the peoples of the world can rally, we have seen our Vice President in Russia, in his presentation of the American way of life, place primary emphasis upon the luxuries, the appliances, and the conveniences which our people enjoy.

This is not the essence of America, as the New York Times pointed out last Sunday.

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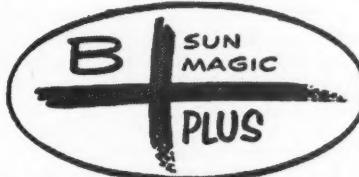
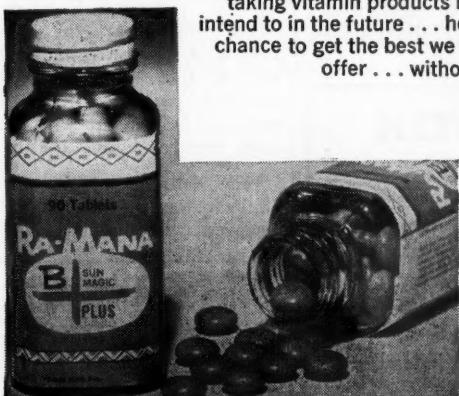
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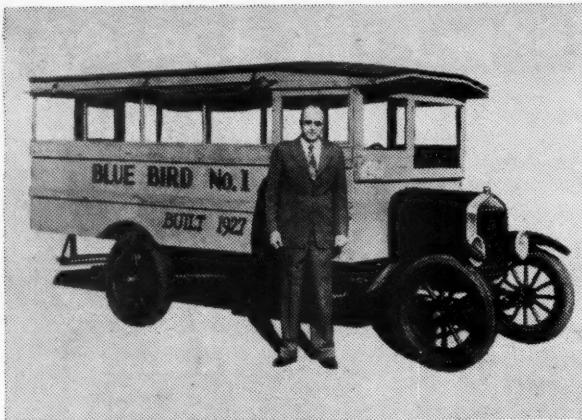
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A. L. LUCE, SENIOR, of Fort Valley, Georgia, dared the seemingly impossible when in 1927 he manufactured one lone body for a bus (see photograph above). At that time Mr. Luce had a Ford agency in Fort Valley and built the bus body as a sideline.

The product of his new venture was sold as a body for a Ford Truck. Mr. Luce was encouraged by his hundred per cent sales record in relation to his capacity for production.

During the two following years, 1928-1929, he manufactured one body each year and still maintained a one hundred per cent sales record in relation to this capacity for production.

During those years, the new business held no serious competition for the large body manufacturers of the nation, and there was little or no promise that it would ever survive the shoestring stage of development.

Vision and faith are two fundamental qualities which are essential to success in any endeavor. God says in His Word: "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Jesus said: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye can say unto this mountain be removed into the midst of the sea and it shall be removed."

While Jesus spoke primarily of the spiritual, He proclaimed a fundamental quality which is essential to success in any endeavor, which is faith.

A. L. Luce had the vision of a new business and he did not allow that vision to become dim with the seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

The obstacles in his situation were towering mountain peaks in their dimensions, but he did not allow the shadows of the mountains to obscure his vision of the sun which was shining beyond the peaks. His vision of ultimate success was undergirded with a strong Christian faith.

He held a strong conviction that all of life should be lived upon the high level of partnership with God. Prayer was a tremendous factor in his life, during the struggling years while in the birth pangs of a new business, without adequate capital and previous experience.

* The photograph in the heading of *
* the accompanying article shows Mr. *
* A. L. Luce, Sr., and the First Blue *
* Bird Body which he built in 1927. *

His life was deeply rooted in Christian service. He held important positions as a member of the official board of his local Methodist Church, and board of trustees of Indian Springs Holiness camp meeting, the board of trustees of Chicago Evangelistic Institute, and as a director in numerous lay organizations.

These important positions for Christian service held a priority over the many demands and pressures which came during the years of development for his new business.

He had complete confidence in the words of Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The Home Atmosphere

A thoroughly optimistic Christian atmosphere pervaded the home of Mr. Luce. His wife was dedicated to the high spiritual heritage of the great Indian Springs Holiness camp meeting of which her father, Dr. George Matthews, was one of the founders.

A prophet's chamber was maintained in the home where evangelists, pastors, church officials and missionaries frequently spent a sojourn amid southern hospitality at its best. These frequent visitors to the prophet's chamber left an abiding spiritual impact upon the children of the home.

On one occasion a visiting missionary placed his arm about one of the boys and said to him: "Son, don't be a dumbbell in your studies. You can make good grades."

Those words proved to be a quickening stimulus which the boy never forgot. At the time he was lagging a bit in his grades.

A New Rise In Business

For three years the bus-body business of A. L. Luce had not been able to rise above the production level of one body per year. In 1930 the business made a new advance to a production level of seven bodies for the year.

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in 1931 and 1932 to 25 bodies per year. By 1932, the bottleneck of restricted production on a shoestring basis was broken, and the business was on its way.

The trade name for the new industry was "Blue Bird Body Company." The merit of the Blue Bird bodies began to be noised abroad and the production level had to be raised from year to year to meet the growing demands for Blue Bird bodies.

The business continued on an upward spiral until 1945, when a disastrous fire destroyed the plant which had been built in 1935. The vision and the faith of A. L. Luce were undaunted by the fire, and he set his hands immediately to the task of building a larger plant.

The ten years of progress which followed the disastrous fire, brought the business to a new high in volume which no one had dreamed of during the early struggling years when the tangible assets stood at near the zero point.

New Partners

When World War II ended in 1945, the three sons of A. L. Luce returned from the service for their country, to join their father in the business. Mr. Luce was fortunate in having three sons who could assume the responsibility of executive positions under him as the president.

These sons and their respective positions are as follows: A. L. Luce, Jr., General Manager; George E. Luce, Director of Engineering; J. P. Luce, Production Manager.

The mantle of the father, with its fabric of vision and faith, has fallen upon the sons. They are maintaining the spiritual emphasis in the business, bequeathed them by their father.

An auditorium is maintained in the plant where a religious service is conducted each week for the six hundred employees.

A warning sign concerning the dangers of the use of tobacco hangs near the main entrance. The warning sign is a news dispatch taken from the Miami, Florida News, bearing the date of May 6, 1958.

The dispatch bears the heading, "You are crazy if you smoke." The dispatch follows with these significant words of warning:

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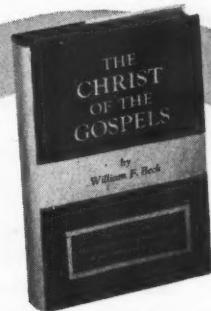
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Faith And Machines

Faith can play an important role in progress in a machine age. In fact, faith can become a more dominant factor in progress than the most powerful machines that man has ever made.

About two years ago the Luce Brothers were confronted with the need of a machine which would step up the compression power for stamping their steel panels, different from anything which they had.

It seemed like a wild cry of the imagination when they began to think in terms of a machine with a compression capacity of 500 tons, which was as far above anything that they had that it certainly seemed adequate.

Such a machine would put a heavy strain on their finances. They called in their engineer and requested him to make a survey and report their actual need. They were shocked when the engineer reported that they needed a machine with a compression capacity of 1,000 tons.

Specifications were drawn up and submitted to manufacturers for prices.

The prices submitted were prohibitive, but the need was urgent.

They were confronted with what seemed to be the necessity of dismissing the project and allowing the urgent need to go unmet, which would mean a serious handicap to the progress of the business.

Rather than dismiss the project, they decided to make it a matter of prayer for a few weeks. They asked a big thing of God when they asked for a machine with a 1,000-ton compression capacity.

But God has invited us to ask big things of him and he has promised to answer in a big way. His promise is: "Call upon me and I will answer thee and show thee great things and wonderful which thou knowest not."

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Shortly after the discovery of this machine, the giant machine was purchased for some thousands of dollars less than half the price of a new machine which was entirely prohibitive.

When God answers prayer for power for mechanical needs, we may be assured that He more readily answers prayer for power for spiritual needs. It often happens that, as declared by the Apostle James, "Ye have not because ye ask not."

God's abundant supply is sufficient for every human need. It is a far cry over a long trail of emergency needs and crises from the meager beginning in 1927 when A. L. Luce manufactured one bus body, to a fully equipped modern plant today which covers wide acres of land and has a production capacity of 2,500 bus bodies per year.

As a Christian layman, Mr. Luce witnesses with simple faith and humility to the abundance of God's supply which has met his needs across the years.

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NOW the 'LORD had said unto A'bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, ^{1Gen 15: 7} and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, ^{1Gen 17: 6} and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curs- ^{1Gen 27: 29} eth thee: ^{2Gen 28: 4} and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ☆

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the E-gyp'tians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they 'will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, 'I pray thee, ²thou art my sister: that it may be well ^{1Eph 4:25} ^{2Gen 20: 13} with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the E-gyp'tians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

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A LETTER IN STONE

Dr. Chouney F. Davis Endeavors
To Solve An Old Riddle

Editor's Note: Defender readers will find the accompanying article most interesting, especially in view of the recent earth disturbances in the region of Yellowstone National Park.

IN THE STRUGGLE for survival, some men reflect and wonder, "Where did this mad civilization come from and how did it get here?"

An artifact, a petroglyph, a message from a bygone age, may be the answer. This message, a letter in stone, may tell the story of a people long gone, who lived and loved, and wrought for an existence at a time when mighty forces were in action, at a time when men pitted their brawn against an unfriendly world and lost all in an unsuccessful battle for survival.

Who these people were and where they came from, may be the message of this letter from a forgotten age.

For almost half a century now, this petroglyph — this letter in stone, has rested in the courtyard of the City Hall in Portland, Oregon.

During that time many thousands have studied the ancient script — the layman as well as the sage, and all have come to the same conclusion — it is still a riddle.

No one has solved the mystery of the ancient "glyph." Who was the author of the letter? When was it written? And what message does it seek to convey?

A quick look at its modern history may throw some light on the subject and at the same time provide a starting place that may lead to a solution of the riddle.

The stone first came to the attention of our present generation in 1902 when it was unearthed by a construction crew of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company — now the Spo-

kane branch of the Union Pacific Railroad — about two miles north of the state line, where the Columbia River comes through the Great Gap in the Horse Heaven Hills.

The railroad follows closely along the river in order to overcome construction difficulties. This gorge is known as Wallowa Gap and probably provided an excellent fishing location in times past, due to the rapids formed by the rocky condition of the river bed.

The stone was lying flat, with the two carved sides upward. It is approximately six feet long, four feet wide, and three feet thick, of basalt formation, and is part of one of the more ancient volcanic disturbances.

Removal To Portland

After discovery, the stone was left in its original position until 1910, when the railroad company transported it to Portland and presented it to the City Free Museum.

For some thirty years, until 1940, it lay in its original position in the courtyard of the Portland City Hall, in a state of seeming neglect. Then the Geological Society of Oregon placed it upright on its present pedestal.

Various theories have been advanced regarding its origin and many attempts have been made to untangle the mystery of the message it contains.

Mr. Jack Benson, a local amateur archaeologist, has made the study of the stone a lifelong hobby, and he is of the opinion that the characters are "symbols" and are of Mayan origin.

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They were carved by survivors of the "Long Lost Continent of MU," according to the reasoning of Mr. Benson. Some of the symbols are very similar to those found in temples in Yucatan and may convey the same message.

Paleontologists are agreed that the carvings on the stone are symbols, and not picture writing — that each character conveys a distinct message and may be of a religious or historic nature.

The writer was recently permitted to see a set of photographs of ancient temples in the Yucatan Peninsula, by Mr. Frances Murphy, a staff writer for *The Oregonian*.

In certain of these temples are painted characters or symbols, very similar to the ones on the stone, except the one was painted and the other was carved in stone. Any detail of difference might be laid to that factor.

Several years ago, Mr. Hugh Matier, a Los Angeles paleontologist and archaeologist, put forth the theory that Mayan tribes had been driven northward by volcanic eruptions and earthquakes and had settled for a time in the Columbia basin area.

He cited evidence of artifacts and skeletal remains to substantiate his contention.

Skulls of round-headed persons remarkably like those of Aztec and Mayan peoples have been found in tombs in British Columbia. Artifacts, including tools and sandals like those of Mayan peoples, were found in the Columbia basin area.

The great river has been the source of food for men since the Stone Age, as evidenced by the many stone implements and household utensils found along its course.

These men seem to hold to the theory that this Mayan civilization was made up of tribes, probably wandering tribes; that they had no political ties and their occupancy was of a temporary nature. Also, that the settlements of Yucatan

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and Central America were the origin of this pilgrimage.

An Ancient Gateway?

It does not seem to occur to these gentlemen that the Columbia basin might be the gateway of this great influx of Mayan culture and philosophy which spread over a good portion of the North American mainland, and possibly even to Europe.

There is no reason to doubt that these people made the great northwest their home for hundreds or perhaps, thousands of years.

There is every indication to show that these people were highly civilized, even by our own standards, and had a high form of religion, were skilled in the crafts and were good sailors. They probably carried on a live commercial trade with other peoples.

Ancient manuscripts tell us of their prowess as sailors and ruins of ancient temples in the South Sea Islands speak loudly of the skill and wisdom of this great people.

No doubt the homeland, because of overpopulation and economic restriction, became too small for the ambitious and enterprising of the lot and greener ranges was the rule then, as it is now.

So, to fairer lands and more inviting places went the more adventurous. Thus the trek to the mainland was a natural move.

Now, in considering this theory, let us take a backward look at the country in question. The time must be—if our reasoning is to be plausible—before the advent of the Cascade Mountain range.

But, you will say, that is out of the question. Not so. Science has established the age of some of the volcanic cones in this range at about sixty-five hundred years and a study of the Columbia Gorge would indicate that the river has been many thousands of years in the process of wearing that magnificent ditch through these mountains.

Ancient manuscripts and sculptures indicate that the Lost Continent of MU was destroyed some thirteen thousand five hundred years ago. Even that figure may be conservative. It may be much longer in actual time elapsed.

A Modified Terrain

So—there were no Cascade Mountains at that time—no Columbia Gorge and the great coastal plain extended far to the east, even as far as the Idaho border.

Much of the present terrain was not what it is today. The great river systems were established, but what is now the hills of eastern Oregon and Washington was a fertile plain, well watered by the moisture-bearing winds from the ocean and blessed with a favorable climate.

The Columbia was much larger and deeper then—fed by the receding glaciers and the heavy snows that were probably the rule in the higher elevations.

The ocean going vessels of the day probably sailed freely up the wide expanse of the river, even to the "head of navigation," or to the Wallula Gap. There they must needs change to some other form of transportation.

Probably an important port was established at that point. Certainly the rapids would be a good place to replenish the larders of the people and an important fishery would be the logical conclusion.

Now, let us study the stone. We are convinced that the symbols are of Mayan origin and, if so, probably contain some sort of a message regarding the homeland of MU.

According to our reasoning, the stone tells a logical story of the relationship that this people held to the lost continent.

Certain symbols tell of the motherland and yet others tell of the coming and the staying of the people in this country.

Many of the symbols are weathered and are not so legible, while others are combinations of symbols which so far have not been deciphered, but others are plainly outlined and of a singular purpose.

If these conclusions are correct, then we may also conclude that the carving depicted a time before the Cascade Age.

Then the mental picture of the wide coastal plain and a great river across it is not at all far fetched. In fact, a study of the stone bears out that contention.

To this person, the ancient writer made the "Glyph" as a memorial to his mother country and, as an additional thought, included an account of the settlement that was at that time a going concern in the new country.

The "Seven Great Cities"

There are characters depicting the Creation and others showing the economic progress of this fair land—showing the seven great cities of wealth

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and culture — of the mother country and the destruction by fire and earthquake which finally ended its existence.

Also symbols depicting the commerce of the day and the manner in which the new settlements were formed. A rough sea voyage is indicated and the river voyage is in evidence, as far as the gap in the mountain.

There is a settlement indicated, under fair skies and a good climate. Again we see a record of the Seven Cities of Culture — this time "incomplete," or in the stage of building. Probably temples and other religious structures were built.

A great civilization is indicated. In all, this occupancy may have continued for thousands of years, until the great volcanic upheaval that raised the Cascade Range up from the coastal plain.

This was probably the aftermath of the disturbance which doomed the mother country. Great fissures were opened in the gigantic wrinkle that was being raised up across the path of the Columbia and lava and volcanic debris were blown over the land.

Vast chimneys were formed from which issued great clouds of volcanic ash and noxious gases. The land soon became untenable and the whole populace were forced to flee for their lives.

All that they had striven for and all that they had accomplished was buried by the terrible ash and debris. The fair land became a desert, not fit even for habitation of animals. Great mountains of volcanic ash covered everything and nothing could live.

The populace probably left to make their way to the Mexican settlements, or may have found their way across the continental divide where they were later identified as the Mound Builders.

The fame of this people was noised far and wide — as evidenced by the fact that even Old Spain was aware of these great cities.

When Cortez conquered Mexico, he made at least one expedition north in search of "The Seven Cities of Giboola."

No one knew where they were but the Indians as far north as Nebraska had heard of these cities and told him that they were "lost."

Little did Cortez realize that the object of his search was at that time buried under mountains of volcanic ash far to the west.

It is the opinion of this writer that the time will come when at least some of the ruins of this civilization will come to light and thus solve the mystery that has puzzled many students to this day.

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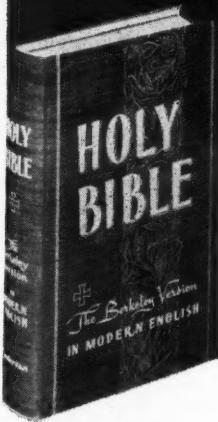
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HAVE DOCTORS CHANGED THEIR SMOKING HABITS?

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Editor's Note: Because of prevalent public interest in the relationship of smoking to health, The Defender presents, in cooperation with Listen Magazine, this forthright reply to the oft-asked question, "Have Doctors Changed Their Smoking Habits?"

APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS ago, Americans were startled by release of medical research reports strongly indicating a link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. For a time cigarette consumption decreased. Then a question arose as to the validity of the reports, and sales began to rise.

By 1957 tobacco manufacturers had significant evidence of the positive result of their advertising campaigns against the so-called "tobacco scare," for in that year Americans smoked more than 409-billion cigarettes, an increase of 4.1 per cent over 1956.

In 1958 Americans set a new high of 462-billion cigarettes consumed, and the Agricultural Department predicts a further increase in 1959.

This casual ignoring of clinical evidence is due to many factors, one being an erroneous impression that physicians are personally unconcerned about tobacco research findings.

Little was done to correct this idea until the national medical journals *Medical Times* and *Resident Physician* published results of an editorial survey among physician smokers which revealed facts correcting previous impressions concerning doctors' attitudes toward smoking.

These journals attempted to find out whether doctors had made any significant change in personal smoking habits between 1952 and 1957.

In the first extensive survey of its type, two groups of American doctors were questioned: approximately ten per cent of hospital residents, young physicians in specialty training, and over 2,100 general practitioners. Only doc-

tors who had been smoking in 1952 were included in the survey.

Specifically, the editors asked whether doctors polled had altered their smoking habits during the past five years, what factors influenced their decisions, and if they had passed their conclusions to patients.

Their answers may surprise you!

Between 1952 and 1957 significant changes have occurred in the smoking habits of many American doctors.

A Change In Attitude

Two thirds of residents and 44 per cent of general practitioners in this survey expressed a change in attitude toward cigarettes.

Among residents, 20 per cent stopped smoking completely, 19 per cent reduced their cigarette intake, and seven per cent switched to pipes or cigars.

Among generalists, 17 per cent stopped smoking, 14 per cent reduced their consumption, and three per cent switched forms of tobacco.

In contrast, 21 per cent of residents and ten per cent of general practitioners increased their daily cigarette consumption during that time.

Why do doctors smoke? Fundamentally, physicians differ little in their enjoyment of personal habits from persons with less intensive health education.

The majority indicated it gave them pleasure, promoted relaxation, and de-

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creased nervous tension — at least while smoking.

Reasons given for stopping or decreasing smoking, however, were far more varied and sometimes caustically frank.

Despite accumulating evidence that cigarette smoking is a causative factor in producing lung cancer, physicians refused to accept it as the sole reason for quitting cigarettes.

Only six per cent of residents and 4.8 per cent of generalists altered cigarette habits because of this factor alone. More than 70 per cent of both groups, however, believed a relationship exists that is probably coupled with other as yet unproven causes.

Principal reasons for changing personal tobacco habits centered around health factors other than cancer or displeasure with the habit.

Inasmuch as many continued to smoke, this question was asked: "If you believe there is a link between smoking and cancer but you have not decreased the amount of your smoking, would you state your reasons briefly?"

Residents responded with hopeful optimism. "Since there are perhaps 20-thousand deaths a year from cancer reported in the United States and some 35-thousand or more deaths from the automobile," one resident rationalized, "I feel that you should weigh the danger and unless you feel that you, as an individual, are more susceptible than average to possible danger, it is rather foolish to give up a pleasure."

While some residents were ready to admit smoking because of "habit" and "no will power," another put it this way:

"I have smoked too long to expect to decrease risk by cutting down right now and am too lazy to stop smoking."

Then there are statements such as this: "I enjoy smoking and am willing to risk the increased chances because of the pleasure I derive from it."

The General Practitioners

General practitioners, however, manifested a different attitude. With the exception of those who tersely commented, "I like to smoke," answers were fatalistic or expressed disgust that the habit was so difficult to overcome.

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Although most cancer-cigarette reports indicate a *lower* incidence of lung cancer among those who have quit smoking than among those of the same age who have continued to smoke, many generalists chose to overlook this fact.

"At my age it would make no difference whether I continued or stopped," is an average but inaccurate comment. "Even if nine out of ten die of cancer," added another, "ten out of ten will die anyway."

Doctors having cared for nonsmokers who died of lung cancer had this to say: "Too many factors enter into cancer of lung — many nonsmokers in group," or "had seven patients with cancer — none smoked."

There were also remarks of personal disapproval. "I don't stop because of my stupidity. Cigarettes should be removed from the market — the only way we can stop."

One letter most revealing of cigarette-smoking physicians' attitudes on the subject was that of a generalist who stated smoking provided pleasure for him.

He recognized that statistically he had a "slightly" higher chance of developing lung cancer because of his habit, but added:

"I am willing to take such a risk in order to enjoy the immediate relaxation and enjoyment which 'the habit' gives me. In short, I am compromising my beliefs for my immediate pleasures.

"What's more, having been a smoker for about fifteen years, it seems that any damage it might have caused has been done already. I am now depending on constitutional and hereditary factors at least to 'hold the line' for me."

Despite the choice of some to ignore positive factors involved in quitting cigarettes and a seemingly fatalistic attitude, the advice to "cut down" to "be on the safe side" was frequently jotted on the questionnaire.

Further, many changed to filter cigarettes.

Three Basic Attitudes

Although a wide variety of responses were elicited by this survey, three attitudes were frequently repeated. They were:

1. While a large number of physicians have stopped smoking, many more admit they wish they could.

2. It is a common thing for doctors to stop smoking, only to start again.

3. Many balance their immediate pleasure against the possibility of developing cancer, which they feel is remote,

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Regardless of other reasons why Christians should leave tobacco alone, it looks like adults would fear for their loved ones in future generations, if for no other reason than this:

Lung cancer death rates are ten times as high among those with a history of regular cigarette smoking than among those who have never smoked. Among two-pack-a-day smokers, the rate is more than sixty times as high.

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or the lack of "conclusive evidence" that smoking is the only factor involved.

The survey also inquired into doctor-patient-tobacco relationships. Among generalists, 31.9 per cent were sufficiently convinced of potential health hazards to warrant advising patients to stop smoking. Over 38 per cent of residents expressed the same conviction.

Ninety-eight per cent of physicians who possess this opinion advise patients to stop or cut down, without being asked. The remaining two per cent do so if asked.

Interestingly, 14 per cent of physicians not convinced of the cigarette-cancer link also advise limitation of smoking.

While many physicians purposely avoid precipitating anxiety in their patients, some of whom have smoked since adolescence, others are disturbed because of the reticence of some professional colleagues to recommend that patients quit the habit.

Although many physicians continue to smoke, and the majority tend to discredit tobacco as the *only* factor in production of lung cancer, there is a definite changing pattern in their smoking habits.

Over the five years (1952-1957) included in this survey, the total cigarette consumption of physicians has decreased 12.4 per cent for residents and 20.1 per cent for general practitioners — a radical departure in habit and attitude from the general public.

Regardless of age, many physicians feel cigarette smoking entails a calculated risk. While some, particularly older physicians whose attitude is fatalistic, are willing to take this risk, others are not.

There is food for thought in the concise remarks of respected family physicians who summarize their own situations with the unhappy phrases, "damage already done," "too late," or "too old to make any difference!"

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3. Because chemicals from tobacco smoke are absorbed into the blood stream from the mouth and the respiratory tract, smoking affects all the organs and tissues of the body, at least to some extent. The most important known effects are on the gastrointestinal tract, the heart, and the blood vessels.

4. Tobacco smoke irritates the mucous membrane, despite the lavishly-paid-for mildness claims by sports and movie stars. Try to inhale smoke from any other source; a campfire, for example!

5. Smoking increases the heart rate, raises the blood pressure, and constricts the blood vessels of the ex-

tremities, thus increasing the load on the heart.

6. Discrimination in taste and smell sensations is impaired by smoking.

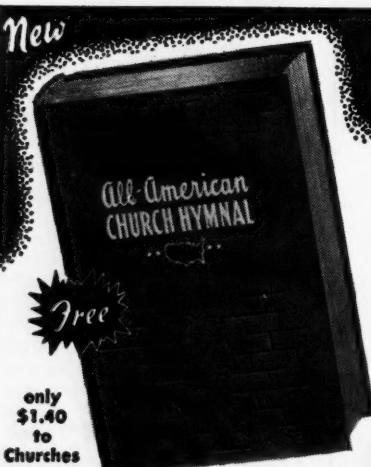
7. Heavy smokers have a death rate from coronary artery disease twice as high as that of nonsmokers. This fact was brought to light by the survey of 187-thousand men, aged fifty to sixty-nine, by the American Cancer Society.

8. Chronic bronchitis results from continued smoking. Nearly every smoker is bothered by "cigarette cough." A condition nearly always associated with coughing is pulmonary emphysema, a lung disease marked by breathlessness, brought on by constant obstructing of the small air passages of the lungs. This is more and more being traced to smoking.

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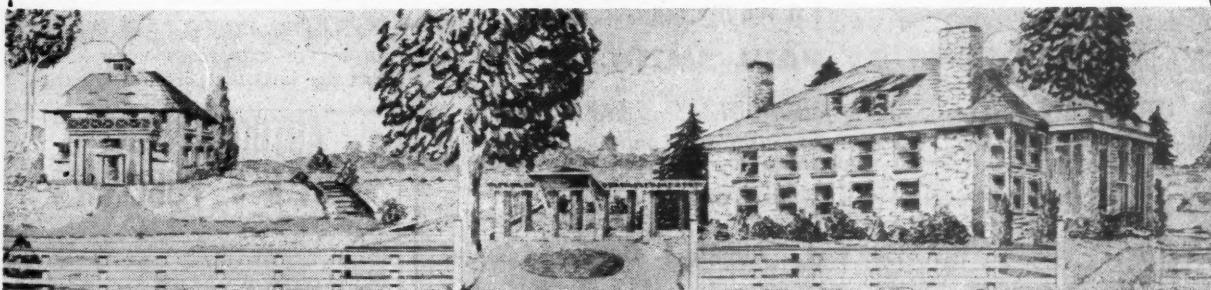
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Editor's Note: The Defender is indebted to Dr. Smith for sharing with us his firsthand observations of conditions as they exist today in Soviet Russia. In this concluding article he takes us inside one of their local churches for a stirring report.

MOSCOW IS AN impressive city. It is the pride and joy of the Russian people, and not without reason.

The big black Zis was waiting beside the hotel at ten o'clock on a sunny Thursday morning.

I spent four days in Russia and the sun never failed to shine, although it was always at an oblique angle, never really broke through the mist until about mid-morning, and was gone by four in the afternoon. Of course, during the winter season this is true of all the countries in the northern latitudes, including Great Britain.

The Zis was a recent model, but by our American standards the lines were rather old-fashioned — the sort of thing you might have seen in a Packard or Cadillac during the mid-thirties.

It was certainly a very dignified and effective means of transportation and constitutes one of the many capitalistic tendencies in a Communist country. The chauffeur in uniform helped us into the five-passenger back seat and we were on our way.

The City and the Traffic

Most of the major cities of Continental Europe are built around great squares and circles. It is quite common to see a beautiful fountain or an elaborate monument in the center of an open space where five or six main arteries come together.

However, Moscow far surpasses any other city I have seen in the size and number of its squares. The world famous Red Square and Revolution Square are just two in a city where they are

extremely common. They are immense because most of the streets which flow into them are very wide.

As we drove about I felt very much as if I was driving down the main street of some big American city early on a Sunday morning before the traffic had really begun to move.

There was never any congestion, never a line of cars moving along bumper to bumper, and only occasionally were there two or three cars going side by side. There just wasn't much traffic anywhere at any time. You are much more conscious of the wide open spaces in Moscow than you are of the vehicles.

Entertainment

There were thousands of people on foot. Particularly downtown in the business area the streets were thronged on both sides. Sometimes we had to slow down because the sidewalks were overcrowded and the people were walking on the road.

John Gunther suggests that the people walk because they lived in cramped quarters and there is little else to do, even in Moscow. Very few people from abroad have ever been inside a Russian home because a living room where they might entertain their friends is almost unknown.

Certainly, there is not a great deal of choice as far as entertainment is concerned. Apart from the hotel dining rooms, restaurants are very uncommon. There are only half a dozen good ones in the whole city.

There is the famous Bolshoi Theater if you like ballet or opera. A Russian

opera was having its premier there during my visit. There are theaters which show Russian films and a few foreign but very few American films. There was a big circus in full swing. Some of the tourists told me it was one of the best they had ever seen.

However, night clubs, ordinary restaurants, dance halls, juke boxes and golf courses are foreign commodities that have little or no place in Russian life. Of course there are no church activities as we know them.

This lack of space at home drives the people out into the streets of a city where there is little else to do but walk and drink. In their spare time they engage in both of these activities a great deal, but they are an extremely hard-working nation, as can be seen from their weather-beaten faces and calloused hands.

Even the crowd I had observed in my hotel dining-room had obviously spent most of their lives doing hard manual labor. They are probably much farther from being a debauched nation than either Canada or the United States.

Cleanest In The World

Moscow is the cleanest city in the world. I have traveled in forty countries and lived in scores of cities but Moscow takes the prize in this department. There is absolutely no litter on the streets or in the parks.

Visualize University Avenue in Toronto directly after the Santa Claus parade. What a mess! I walked through Red Square a half hour after a parade and demonstration that had lasted several hours and it was perfectly clean. A few old women were out sweeping but there was really nothing to sweep but a little dust.

During my visit to the Kremlin I stopped to change my film. In the process of doing so I dropped the small card that acts as an exposure guide. A full ten minutes later I was tapped on the shoulder by a policeman who very politely handed me the card. I was careful not to drop anything else.

Forty-First Birthday

Friday was the big day. There was an air of expectancy everywhere. It was the forty-first birthday of the So-

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viet Union. If you like red, the decorations were beautiful. If you do not like red, they were at least quite impressive.

The buildings, the parks and the streets were flying the flag in honor of the occasion. As I have already said, there were pictures of Lenin and Marx on all sides, and occasionally the whole side of a building would be adorned with huge photographs of the fifteen full members of the Presidium of the Central Committee — the men who rule Russia.

There were seven tourists in the *Leningradski Hotel* and one guide and three cars had been assigned to take us to the International Hotel, which was within two blocks of Red Square and on the parade route.

We had not gone more than ten blocks before the cars were stopped at a barricade and we had to get out and walk the rest of the way.

At the end of each block there was another line of soldiers across the street and two or three officers to check the passes. Only a limited number of people were permitted in the central part of the city for the parade. We had no passes, but our guide managed to talk her way through and we followed.

At last, however, we were stopped by a big surly officer who was obviously anxious to throw his rank at us — there is one in every army. The girl told him exactly what she had told all the others but he just walked away and would not listen.

Finally, she left us all standing on a very cold corner and went for help. She returned in about fifteen minutes with one of the higher officials of In-tourist who was able to persuade the officer to let us through.

We went to the second floor of the International Hotel and watched the parade through the windows of the dining room. We had been told several times that we were not to take pictures of the military part of the parade but that we could photograph the demonstration freely.

For some reason, no one paid any attention to these orders — a typical Western attitude to authority — and everyone who had a camera used it from beginning to end.

Actually, the military end of the proceedings was a minor part. There were a few hundred soldiers, some vehicles that looked something like jeeps, and perhaps fifty rocket launching trucks.

The soldiers and vehicles went past in about fifteen minutes and the demonstration followed immediately and continued for several hours.

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Thousands of people, men, women and children, shuffled by, waving flags and carrying banners. They did not march. They shuffled.

There was no formation. Sometimes they would have to stop because of a bottleneck up front and sometimes several hundred people would run to catch up to the others.

The banners cried out for world peace. Some of them advertised their national plans for future production. There was a huge globe with the flags of the world painted all over it, a huge dove of peace, and a great rubber rock- et.

The people were singing and shouting slogans as they went by. It was the same thing over and over again — flags, banners, songs and slogans. They all looked happy, contented, and confident.

What most of us in the outside world forget is that there is an entire adult generation that has never known anything but Communism. Unless a man is over sixty, he has been in a Communistic state during his entire adult life.

That is probably the major reason that these people do not complain. They have never seen anything else. I have already said that their knowledge of the free world is pathetic.

The Subway

We went back to our own hotel on the subway. It would be impossible to adequately describe it. It is an extremely efficient system of rails connecting stations which look more like palatial ball- rooms than stations.

Each station is different. They are absolutely breath-taking. I do not exaggerate their magnificence. One is lined with life-size bronze statues in a variety of poses. Another features oil paintings depicting the battles and the victories of the Russians during the past forty-one years. These are illuminated with gigantic crystal chandeliers from one end to the other. You might find one such fixture hanging in solitary splendor in the main dining room of a first-class hotel in Canada or the United States.

The next station was a display of large scenes reproduced in colored mosaic. There was one with marble pictures and another with bone china and gold plate used as a medium. In this last station the name of the stop was also done in china and gold plate all along the wall.

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At one place there were marble benches where the people could wait for their train. Actually, there was very little waiting to do because there was a train every minute, but the guide told me that this was a favorite rendezvous for lovers. It was warm and secluded — only two million people a day going by.

The Kremlin

One day as we were driving across a bridge I asked my guide what the gold

spires and domes in the distance were and what river we were crossing.

She answered in a tone that suggested that I should have known. The domes and spires were the towers of the Kremlin and it was the Moscow River that flowed beneath us.

The Kremlin, of course, is the nerve center of the Communistic Government. If you include the population of Red China and the satellites, the decisions that are made in the Kremlin affect one-

third of the human race — 900 million people, and this is the point from which the Russians manage to keep the rest of the world in an uproar most of the time.

There are several cathedrals in the Kremlin, but they are used for the most part as museums. The armory is the most interesting to tourists. It contains one of the most fantastic collections of arms, trophies and jewels that I have ever seen.

The armor dates back several hundred years and is the usual display of personal defense equipment that you might see in any museum, but the array of treasures that were confiscated by the Communists when they attacked the Tsar and the church is almost beyond description.

I have seen some of the British Crown Jewels and read about the Coronation robes, but these look like a poor man's treasures alongside of the Russian display in the Kremlin.

The robes of the Orthodox priests and the Russian royal family are so completely covered with precious stones of every kind that it looks as if someone had picked them up in great handfuls and thrown them indiscriminately on them.

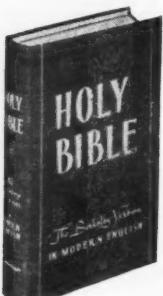
The icons, which to some extent take the place of the images of the Roman church, are similarly sprayed with jewels. Even the pulpit Bibles are bound in covers that are almost completely made of priceless stones.

What can be seen in the Kremlin is probably only a fraction of the wealth of the Tsars and the church, but it is adequate to point up the necessity of a revolution of some kind.

As I moved from one huge glass case to another, I could not help but think, "What an ideal breeding ground for Communism!" The power and the wealth was all controlled by a small group of church and state officials while many of the people were starving to death.

The sad joke on the Russian people is that forty-one years after the revolution an even larger country than Tsarist Russia is still dominated by just fifteen men. They hold all the power and control all the wealth. The members of the Presidium are probably the most powerful group of men in the modern world.

The people of Russia today, however, are not starving for anything but freedom. There has been tremendous progress during the last forty-one years in every major country of the world without the benefit of Communism. No one will ever know whether there would



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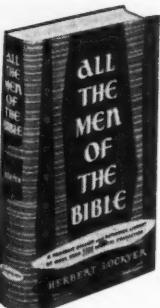
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have been a parallel advance in Russia without Communism or not.

One afternoon at about four o'clock I went out and hailed a taxi as I would if I were staying at The Royal York in Toronto. Most of the taxis are Volgas — a more streamlined type of car than either the Zim or Zis. It seemed to be about the size of an English Vauxhall.

The driver was able to speak a few English and a few French words, and with sentences that were a little of each we managed to carry on a fairly intelligent conversation. He was very friendly, as are most of the Russian people, and was anxious, in typical cab-driver fashion, to drive me all over Moscow.

Literature

I asked him to wait while I browsed about in a book store which specialized in foreign editions. All the sales people were able to speak English, but there were actually only a few English books — for the most part on the history of Communism in Russia.

What impressed me most was that the shop was crowded. I had to wait to get a place at the counters, and the people were not looking at novels or detective stories, or Westerns. There were very few novels there. Most of the volumes would be considered textbooks in our country — history, science, politics, economics, etc.

Of course, there is no pornographic literature of any kind on the stands in Russia. The U.S.S.R. is in the publishing business on a bigger scale than any other country in the world today, and they have managed to achieve this position without the aid of sex.

Several of their periodicals are printed in English as well as Russian. I secured copies and read them with a great deal of interest. They are made up of three major things — criticism of the United States, the progress of the Soviet Union, and the testimonies of those who have been particularly blessed by Communism.

They criticize all the Western countries but they seem to reserve a special place for America.

The peoples of the whole world are censuring the U.S.A.'s acts of provocation in the Far East. The powerful and indignant voice of the Soviet's people is merging with the protests of peace-loving people throughout the world. The U.S.A. must cease interfering in China's internal affairs once and for all and withdraw their armed forces from Taiwan and from the Straits."

This was in Russia's counterpart to *Life Magazine*, "Soviet Union," and

there are hundreds of similar lines. All of them depict the United States as the aggressor and the major threat to world peace and the U.S.S.R. as the big benevolent father that loves everybody, wants to be of assistance to all other countries, and wishes the U.S.A. would stop meddling.

As I read their accounts of progress and achievement, they reminded me in some ways of a party of drunks. You've seen the kind I'm talking about.

They have had a great deal to drink, they have reached the stage where they

feel dizzy instead of happy, and there is nothing left for them to do but drink some more.

At this point they usually work extremely hard to convince one another that they are having a good time. "Isn't this great? This is the life. Are you still with me? Let's drink to us. We're the greatest buddies in the world."

When we see a group like this we usually laugh at them, and if it were not so terribly serious, you could read Russian periodicals and laugh at their constant efforts to convince themselves that

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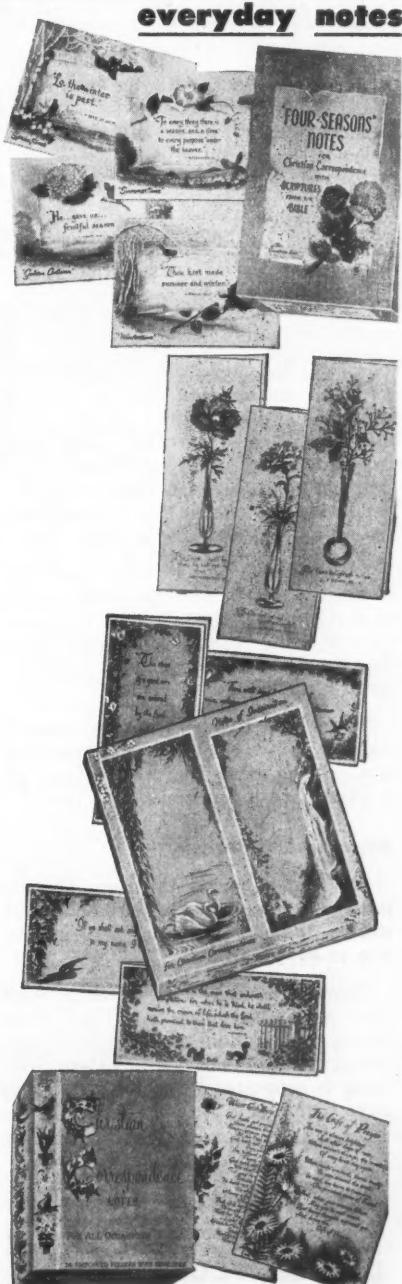
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The testimonies of their converts are particularly interesting. They sound very much like religious testimonies. In the "German Democratic Republic Review" I read seven personal testimonies complete with names and pictures.

Here is one of the shorter ones that appeared under the caption "Paula Lienert, woman textile worker in the nationally-owned 'Ideal' Hosiery Works in Karl-Marx-Stadt:"

"I started work as a textile worker as a young girl. Things were not easy those days. My father worked in a hosiery mill and later went into the mines. Even in those days he took an active part in the working-class movement and I was brought up in that way too.

"When my husband died in 1946, I began at the 'Ideal' works. Twelve years ago things looked very much different around here and in the nine years of the existence of the German Democratic Republic a great change has taken place, also in my life and in that of my son.

"A few years ago I moved into one of the new blocks of flats in the center of the town and bought new furniture for our living room, beside many other things which at the moment I cannot recall in detail.

"Up to now I have spent every annual holiday in some resort or other, that was only possible because we have all worked hard throughout those years."

Department Store

My next stop was the Gum Department Store, one of the largest in the world. It looks something like a London railway station.

There are three long sections each with an arched glass roof and three floors. The sections are connected with passageways and bridges. The whole thing is supported by huge square concrete pillars and the counters are in be-

tween and behind these pillars. The lighting is accomplished with the usual great crystal chandeliers and there is a public address system which produces continual classical music.

All the counters seemed to be crowded. There were no elaborate displays and I did not see any mannequins. I saw one very long queue in which I counted over a hundred people. I followed it to the front and found the people feverishly buying colored balloons for the next day's parade.

My ballpoint pen had run dry and after I had found the pen counter and pushed my way through the crowd to the front, I discovered that they do not have ballpoints in Russia — at least, they were not available at the pen counter of the largest department store in the Soviet Union.

This is one of the idiosyncrasies of Russia. In some areas they are far beyond the rest of the world, but in the little things that add comfort and convenience to the personal lives of the people they are far behind.

When the Intourist agent stapled my meal coupons together, he actually took time to bore two small holes with something that looked like a miniature ice pick, and then he shoved the staple through by hand and bent the ends over with the handle of the little ice pick.

He had not lost or mislaid his stapling machine, because he did everyone's in the same manner. He just did not have a stapler, and I doubt if there is one that is available to the ordinary person.

Satellites in space, but no ballpoint pens or staplers. These are the things that make you laugh in Russia. But these are the things which represent the personal sacrifice of the Russian people for the progress of their country.

The Church

I went to church on Thursday night. There are churches in Moscow — one

Baptist, one Roman Catholic, one Mohammedan, and fifty-two Orthodox.

The Russians are the most religious people I have ever seen, but most of them are Communists and, of course, Communism is a religion.

The tragedy is that many of these Russian people are much more zealous about their Communism than the average Canadian is about his Christianity.

I left my hotel at six-thirty and when I arrived at the Baptist Church fifteen minutes later the service was already under way. Someone met me at the door and led me up a flight of stairs and down to the front row of the balcony.

What I saw took my breath away. The building, which by our standards might accommodate fifteen hundred people, was bulging at the seams with nearly two thousand.

Every available seating and standing space was being used. There were many old folk who must have been living before the Revolution, but they were not all old. At least twenty per cent of the congregation were under thirty years of age.

In a Russian service the sermon comes first, while the people are still awake. The singing and prayers and choir numbers come last.

After twenty years of trying to wake up crowds that anthems and prayers and special numbers have lulled to sleep, I was delighted with a system that at least gave the preacher an even break.

There are two pastors and eight preachers associated with the Baptist Church. One of the preachers, Dr. Ilya Orlov, who is also a plastic surgeon, interpreted for me.

I listened with a full heart as the pastor preached on the text, "God is a Spirit." He quoted the last few verses of the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

I watched the people as he preached. Their heads were bent forward, their eyes wide open. This was too precious to miss a word.

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An old man in the middle of the ground floor was wiping the tears from his wrinkled face. The woman beside me was weeping softly. The hush of glory had settled over the sanctuary.

A Season Of Prayer

Then they rose for prayer. Three people in the congregation led in prayer, first a woman and then two men. The woman had completed only two sentences when the entire crowd began to sob. You have seen individuals broken down and sobbing, but have you ever seen a crowd sob?

The woman continued to pray and their tears continued to flow. The old lady by my side was wiping away the tears with the end of a woolen rag that was tied about her head.

I looked at the old man on the main floor. His grey hair was thin. He wore a mustache and goatee that gave his thin face the appearance of one of the disciples.

His eyes were wide open and his lips set in a thin line. He was looking up with a steadfast gaze as if he could see beyond the roof of the building and into eternity.

Then the one-hundred voice choir sang without musical accompaniment. I do not expect that I will ever hear better singing. First it was a great torrent of sound, then a tiny stream. I shall never forget it.

The second number featured a soprano soloist who had a brilliant operatic quality to her voice. She was accompanied by the choir. There was one piece of hand-written music for every five or six people.

It was time for the congregation to sing. I wondered what Christian people fighting for survival in a Communistic country would sing. With a thrill that I cannot describe I began to sing with them on the first verse:

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.*

Now it was I who was doing the weeping. As we came to the chorus I just stopped and listened:

*On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

I was no longer in Communistic Russia. I was in the Church of God. These were the people who had stood the test of relentless persecution and had come out standing firm. I joined in again on the last verse:

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
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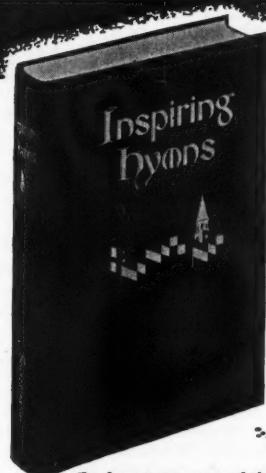
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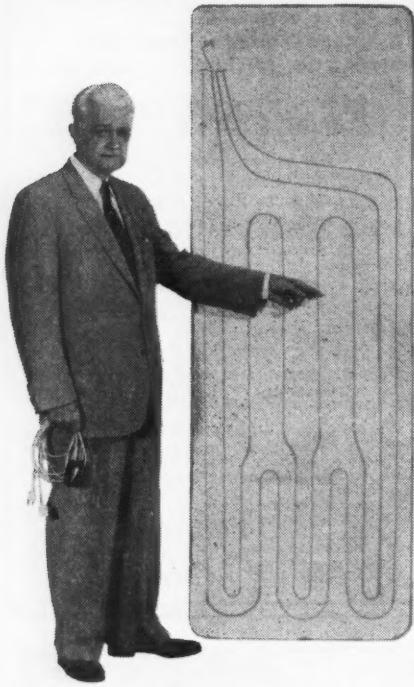
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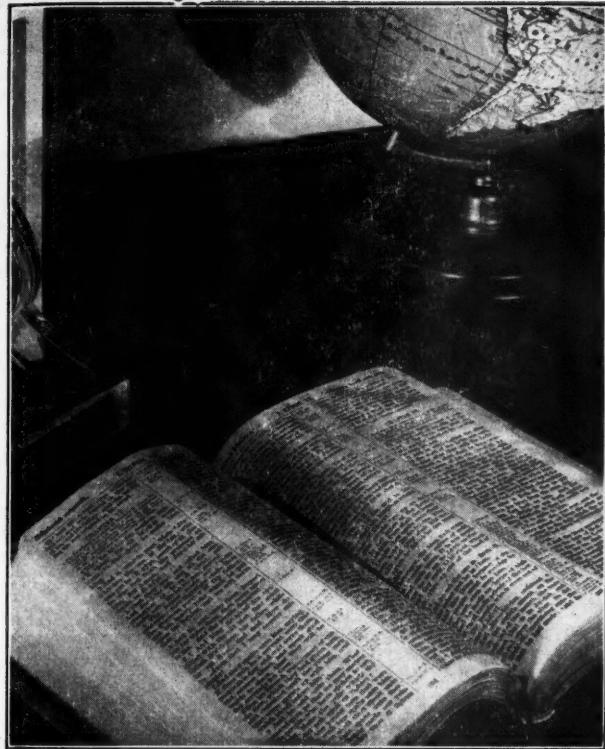
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"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (I Peter 1:24-25)

THAT WE MIGHT KNOW something of the functions of this enduring word, God has been pleased to use certain emblems and figures, things familiar to our daily experience.

In the secular world we commonly use a circle as the emblem of eternity. It has no beginning and it has no end and is therefore a fitting symbol in this respect.

A flag is an emblem also and stands for a particular nation. In the realm of algebra there are many symbols, some of which are arbitrary or conventional.

Emblems just as common as these have been associated with our Bible to make it a vital book to our daily experience.

Most of us possess a Bible but somehow we know very little of its contents. I am reminded of a small girl who told the pastor of her mother's church when he called at the home, that she knew everything there was in the Bible.

The pastor, amused, remarked that she might know a few things, but not quite all. "Oh, yes," was the quick reply, "I do know all that is in it."

Her mother, who had been listening, rebuked her daughter for saying such a thing, whereupon the child, in persistence, said "But Mother, I do. There is Grandma's favorite picture, three dead leaves, a lock of Bobby's hair when he was a baby, a love letter from Daddy, and a recipe for brown bread, and that's all there is in the Bible."

When our Bibles serve no other purpose than a place to store things, is it any wonder they do not mean much to us?

We are going to try to discover as we go along just what this wondrous Book is and what God intends that it shall be to us.

It would not be possible to confine to this message all the emblems used by the Spirit in setting forth this Book, but I shall call your attention to a number of them, and then dwell upon five which to me are exceedingly personal and practical.

A Mirror

James thinks of the Bible as a mirror, "For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man

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beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." (James 1:23-24)

The Apostle Paul likens the Word to food. For babes it is milk and for men it is meat. "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able." (I Corinthians 3:2)

This same apostle thinks of the Word as a cleansing stream, hence he wrote, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Ephesians 5:26)

Speaking of the same Scriptures, Peter declares it to be seed for the purpose of production, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Peter 1:23)

The Psalms are rich in their symbolism. David speaks of the Word as being like gold to enrich and as honey to sweeten, "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." (Psalm 19:10)

Moses also spoke to the people of his day and told them what the Word of God was like and impressed upon them its eternal value.

"And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did

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thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

The prophet Isaiah reminds us by means of a familiar figure what the Bible is like. Let us hear his voice:

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

These are but a few of the many which may be found upon the pages of the Word itself. How wonderfully they identify the Scriptures for us and enable us to understand its offices.

A secular magazine carried the story of a small girl, and though the editor was ignorant of theological terminology, nevertheless it goes straight to the heart as to the value of a symbol.

The child, living on a western cattle ranch, was familiar with the process of

branding the cattle on the ranges with the owner's emblem or name. Any unbranded cattle were known as mavericks.

After she had been converted and baptized, the girl was asked by her school friends what baptism meant.

She replied that she had been a little maverick roaming the plains but that when she had found Jesus and was baptized by the pastor, she had now the mark of Jesus upon her showing His death and resurrection. Now everyone would know that she belonged to Him Who was her Friend and Saviour.

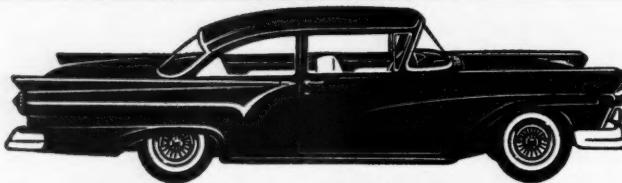
The first emblem which I wish you to notice is that of

A Critic

The Bible is definitely called a critic. It is not only a higher critic, but it is the highest critic.

Webster's dictionary declares that a critic is one skilled in judging merits of literary or artistic works, or one adept in any analysis of the work of others involving critical judgment.

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We often resent the criticisms of others, feeling they are incompetent to judge us and our actions, but surely none can find fault with God when He deigns to step in and point out our errors, shortcomings and failures.

We read, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

The words, "a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" are rendered by Rotherham in his fine translation, "and able to judge the impulses and designs of the heart."

The word "discerner" is *kritikos* in the Greek, which means "a critic." This is the only time God ever employed this word, thus confining its use to His own written Word. What right then has man in claiming this prerogative?

In his arrogance man sits in criticism upon the Scriptures just as man sat in judgment upon the Son of God when He was upon earth.

The written Word has been accorded the same treatment as the living Word, all of which is a revelation of the wickedness within the hearts of unregenerate men.

The devil works through those who will yield themselves to him and, finding willing instruments, immediately sets about to discredit the sacred Word.

Who can deny the reliability of the Bible as a judge? The playwright might question the judgment of his critics, the prisoner might feel that his judge was prejudiced toward him, the politician may wonder what was wrong with the verdict of the voters, but all of us must bow before the verdict of this precious Book.

It does not stop on the surface but goes to the heart and touches motives and thoughts. It has the ability to pierce "even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit," which means it is capable of dealing with both fleshly and spiritual things.

Surgeons are heralded as masters in their field when they can operate successfully upon the heart. But this Book goes directly to the heart and deals with "the thoughts and intents of the heart" and makes no apology for what it reveals.

This divine critic in its work is sharper than any two-edged sword produced by the hand of man. The surgeon's scalpel is a dull instrument compared with it.

All of us need to accept the verdict

and when our thoughts are revealed as impure and our motives as selfish, let us turn to Christ for victory over them and to the Holy Spirit for definite transformation.

We need not be discouraged for when we are judged and humbled by the Word on earth, we may be comforted and strengthened by the Priest on high, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." (Hebrews 4:14)

Next, the Bible is likened unto

A Lamp



A lamp is a very common thing and of great necessity in the night. Without a lamp to light his way, man's progress is retarded and he is unable to accomplish anything.

David wrote, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

How blessed to know that we possess a lighted Lamp, One whose light is never failing and which shines forth in darkness!

We do not believe it is too much to say that, aside from God's Word, all is darkness. Man's best thinking, unguided by Scripture, is seldom in accord with God's will. The unregenerate mind is not capable of thinking God's thoughts after Him.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Corinthians 2:14)

So long as men refuse to walk in the light of God's Word, they are held in the grip of darkness.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." (Colossians 1:13)

When Jesus was walking among men, He made no apology for speaking of Himself as the light of the world.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

When men reject the living Word and the written Word, they are choosing to walk in densest darkness where no light is and consequently no life.

The Bible is like the star of Bethlehem leading to the person of Jesus

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Christ Himself. It is like the lighted candlestick in the holy place of the tabernacle, lighting up things divine. It is like the fiery pillar which led the children by night through the awful Arabian wilderness.

No wonder the Psalmist wrote, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it is like the fiery pillar which led the children by night through the awful Arabian wilderness.

And Peter bore witness to its value as a giver of light. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts." (II Peter 1:19)

Whatever is true of the Son of God is also true of the Word of God, for they stand and fall together. One cannot accept the Lord Jesus Christ and at the same time spurn the message of His Word. To find the light offered in the Word is to find the light of life as provided in the Lord Jesus Himself.

Another interesting emblem of the Bible is that of

A Fire

It may seem strange to think of the Bible in this manner, yet the symbol is fitting when we think of the marvelous effects of fire.

The prophet of old wrote, "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forebearing, and I could not stay." (Jeremiah 20:9)

Here the prophet explains that as he was warmed by the Word of God, he "could not stay." It was impossible for him to keep still. His heart was warmed to a spiritual fervor.

If our hearts are cold and we lack in divine enthusiasm, the strong probability is that we have gotten too far away from the fire of divine truth given of God to melt the coldness and indifference of the heart.

The Psalmist wrote, "My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue." (Psalm 39:3)

And we read in Acts 4:20, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Here was an impossible silence. And when men come to this Book and learn of the promises of God and of the riches of His grace, they "cannot help but speak."

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cup or the bubbling heart giving expression to the joy which is within.

Another quality of fire is that of refining; it burns away the dross. This quality is brought out so often in Scripture. "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." (Psalm 37:31)

The real cure for backsliding so prevalent among God's people is to hide the Word in the heart, and to allow it to do its work in the soul. This same truth is set forth in the book of Proverbs:

"When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee." (Proverbs 2:10-11)

How often have we quoted this passage: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

The Psalmist knew the refining and cleansing quality of the precious Scriptures which God has given to us.

There are many other wonderful characteristics of fire of which we cannot speak now and which I shall have to leave with my hearers to think of and apply to the Word and to themselves.

Referring to Jeremiah again, we shall see how he speaks of the Bible as

A Hammer

A hammer is a useful tool and it would be difficult for us to get along without it, especially in the matter of building. It is used in many walks of life and most tradesmen find it the most useful tool in their kit.

The prophet wrote, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29)

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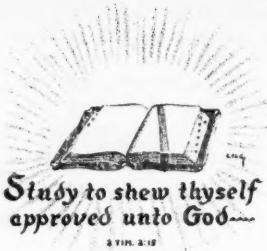
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In the great warfare chapter of the New Testament, wherein God's children are enjoined to put on the whole armor of God, we shall see how the Bible is spoken of as

A Sword

A sword is a weapon of warfare and no soldier dare go into the conflict without it.

The apostle reminds us that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12), and the only offensive weapon God has put into the hands of His people is described in verse seventeen, "... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

It is interesting to note that the written Word is a sword and the living Word has a sword, for we see Him in His second coming glory with this instrument.

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." (Revelation 19:15)

This means that when He comes the nations will be judged by the same divine weapon which we have used as we have gone forth. Whether in service or judgment, the Word of God is equally effective.

We must never get away from the truth that we have a great foe and nothing forged by men can deal with him. It takes the same sword which Jesus used when He was on the mount of Temptation and three times said, "It is written." He knew the value of that sword which is of the Spirit.

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Evangeline Carmichael, lovely Contralto, mother, and wife of Ralph Carmichael, noted arranger-conductor, has been known as "the girl with the singing heart" ever since she conducted her own radio program while attending Bible College in Los Angeles.

One of Sacred's most popular artists, Evangeline has been an important member of the West Coast TV Sunday Sing Trio. She also is heard regularly with the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, broadcast nationally.

Recently, when asked about her talent, she replied, "I love to sing . . . it's my way of expressing what I feel in my heart about faith, God, Christ, and the Bible."

And she expresses herself beautifully in this album, as she renders the following hymns, all conducted equally well by her husband, Ralph Carmichael:

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Day By Day
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Jesus Paid It All
Make Me A Blessing
Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart
My Friend And I
Now I Know In Part
Moment By Moment
The Heart Is A Rebel
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The Saviour Is Waiting

THE HOLY CITY

Jerome Hines, Basso, Paul Mickelson in charge of Choir and orchestra. RCA Victor Recording (LPM 1637). Price \$3.98.

If you should walk through the Bowery section of New York City some evening, you might hear the robust voice of the Metropolitan Opera's star basso coming from one of the Bowery missions. The voice would be Jerome Hines'; for since his conversion, he frequently gives his time to Salvation Army work and singing for Bowery missions.

Mr. Hines was converted in 1953 in England while on tour. He had been working for three years on an opera about the life of Christ, and had finished only fifteen pages of the score.

As he struggled with his composition, it dawned on him that he was writing about Someone he did not know. At this time he had a dream in which a great light encircled him, and he saw a Bible opened with a light shining on this Scripture: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." He awoke weeping . . . and believing.

This particular album features some of the best loved sacred classics and anthems of our day, including:

My Task
Show Me The Light
The Penitent
The Prayer Perfect
The Palms
The Blind Ploughman
I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked
O Lord Most Holy
Bless This House
The Lord's Prayer
Just For Today
The Holy City

Besides the professional excellence of Jerome Hines, herein is the arranging genius of Paul Mickelson, who created the orchestration and choral arrangements and conducted the Concert Orchestra and choir.

Hines and Mickelson make a combination par excellence. The result is an album for the music lover who appreciates the sacred classics when they are presented with deep spiritual sincerity and superior artistry.

SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER

Radio Bible Class Quartet. Zondervan Victory Record (ZLP 528). Price \$3.98.

The Radio Bible Class is primarily, as its name implies, a Bible-teaching organization. However, its founder and teacher, Dr. M. R. DeHaan, recognizing the importance of music, has always given a place of prominence to the singing of the gospel message.

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As A Volunteer
All Things In Jesus
Wonderful
Breath Of Calvary
Master, The Tempest Is Raging
He The Pearly Gates Will Open
Springs Of Living Water
Sweeter As The Years Go By
How Great Thou Art
Beyond The Sunset
Nothing But Leaves
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How Great Thou Art

No mention of this album would be complete without calling special attention to the accompanist, Mr. Stuart Noordyk.

A brilliant and accomplished musician, his versatility at both the organ and piano is refreshing. At times the listener may find himself becoming more attentive to his artistry than that of the quartet.

All music lovers, especially those who are regular listeners to Dr. DeHaan's Radio Bible Class, will find this album most inspirational.

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Lew Charles at the NBC Pipe Organ. Word Records (W 3054 LP). Price \$3.98.

Equally capable as an organist and a pianist, Lew Charles is a musician of wide experience and exceptional ability.

His organ recordings have met with enthusiastic response, and the record-buying public is sure to welcome this, his latest release, for it contains such hymns as:

Ivory Palaces
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There Is A Fountain
Beyond The Sunset
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MISSIONS



Editor's Note: The author of the accompanying article has been a long-time friend of Defender missionary endeavors, especially as related to Spanish speaking peoples.

In a recent letter to this office he said: "It was during World War II, when I as a sailor, in worldly condition, entered one of your first Defender churches in New York City, of which Reverend Hernandez is the leader.

"That day has lasted for nearly 15 years, because in 1949 I was born again, and resumed and continued my friendship with Brother Hernandez and all the Spanish people.

"I was given one of your magazines on this first visit, and it contained a story of the church in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rev. Julio Diaz, Pastor.

"This interested me much because of having some knowledge of Spanish. I had a great desire to see Puerto Rico. In 1953 I met Brother Diaz, a fine Christian servant, in Chicago, and could readily see he was a man of God.

"In 1954 my wishes were fulfilled. My wife and I visited the Island; also the Defender Churches in San Juan and

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The photograph in the heading of the accompanying article shows a group of Mexican Christians, together with their native Pastor.

Santurce. We also visited the Seminary in Rio Piedras. We never felt as strangers for one moment, while there, because of the great Christian fellowship.

"At the Seminary we met Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, whom I think is one of the most diplomatic and intelligent men in the Defenders. If only your readers could visit and see the work and the harvest on the Island, they could realize how greatly God is blessing."

After receiving such an inspiration from their visit to Puerto Rico, these friends made arrangements to spend their vacation recently by touring the Defender mission field in Mexico. Here is Brother Wheeler's account of the visit, in his own words:

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VACATION IN MEXICO

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THE SUN had already faded away and dusk began to draw nigh as we neared Carrizo Springs (Texas), which is less than fifty miles from the Mexican border. Being anxious to continue on, we headed for Eagle Pass, arriving there well after dark.

It was necessary to remain in this border town until the following morning, when the necessary documents were obtained for entry into Mexico.

On Tuesday, around the noon hour, we presented ourselves at the Mexican customs office in Piedras Negras and, after about one hour we were given permission to enter the country.

We immediately began driving down the lonely, hot highway, headed for Sabinas, which is in the Mexican state of Coahuila, almost 100 miles south, where we intended to make our first stop.

About four o'clock in the afternoon we checked in at a hotel which we decided was the best of the two or three available (Sabinas is a town of around 8-thousand people).

In this city we planned to visit three Defender pastors whom we had never met before. After getting settled at the

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hotel, we checked their addresses and began looking them up so we could worship with them in their evening service.

(Please note, most Defender churches, whether located in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, New York City or Mexico, conduct services every night, the year around. — Editor)

In many Mexican towns the streets are not plainly marked, nor are the houses numbered. After searching in vain, we solicited the aid of a policeman, who had been stationed at one of the main intersections, who very graciously assisted us by walking several blocks to locate Rev. Joaquin Rivas.

Brother Rivas

We learned that this brother supplements his livelihood by cutting hair so there was nothing to do but have him condition my sadly neglected head!

His shop was very fascinating, unlike our American counterparts. The floor was bare earth, the walls lined with cardboard. There was no running water and it was necessary to use hand clippers exclusively.

My wife was amused by the contrast, but was also greatly touched by the kindness and thoughtfulness of this fine man who, only thirty minutes before, was unknown to us.

I had written to Rev. Leon Leija from somewhere in Texas that we expected to be there on that day, so all arrangements were settled to attend a service that evening.

We then visited the home of Brother Rivas, feeling much better for the loss of some of our hair, where we met Rev. David Rivas-Beltran and his family, together with a friend of his who owned a car.

Later on in the evening we loaded down not only our automobile, but that of Brother Rivas' friend, and drove many blocks away to the meeting place.

Mexican roads are not like those in the United States. Never again will I complain about the roughness of our paving! The journey that evening took us over many dirt streets. In some places the holes were so deep the bottom of my car scraped. There were no street lights so we had little warning!

The service was conducted in a residence, the front room having been converted into a little chapel, containing a pulpit and a few benches. Although we arrived a few minutes ahead of time, the room was almost filled to capacity, with both adults and children.

At the beginning of the service, we were bothered some by the noisy "juke-



Brother Ventura Ledesma-Guerrero, a Defender Mexican worker, pictured with Dr. Jose A. Hernandez, Superintendent of Spanish-American work in the United States.

box" at the corner "Cantina," or saloon. By the time we completed our song service, however, the outside noises had cleared away and the little chapel was filled to capacity, many friends being forced to remain on the outside, peering in through the windows, sitting on the fenders of the cars, or blocking the doorway.

The room in which we met was simple but comfortable. There was no electricity, but instead the light came from six coal oil lamps, attached to the walls.

Separating the little chapel from the only other room in the house was a beautiful lace curtain which, when pulled aside to allow one to enter or leave, showed the dirt floor of the adjoining room.

After the service was over, we enjoyed a time of fellowship with our newfound friends who implored us to stay on for at least one more day, but our plans called for us to leave Sabinas Wednesday morning to go to Saltillo, about 200 miles to the south (we only had two weeks in which to cover many thousands of miles).

Enroute To Saltillo

Once again we faced a long, lonely, hot road. Often we stopped along the way and offered a ride to the less fortunate who would otherwise have been forced to walk many miles in the heat of the merciless sun.

When Mrs. Wheeler and I undertake a trip, we endeavor to look for ways and means to make the story of the Good Samaritan come to life.

About 100 miles out from Saltillo we came across a panel truck parked on the highway. Upon stopping to ascertain if there was any way in which we could be of assistance, the two male occupants inquired about a "La Bomba," which means pump.

My first thought was that they must be having trouble with their fuel pump but, upon looking closer I observed they had a flat tire, but were without a spare.

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Brother Ledesma

Saturday we had to leave Saltillo for Monterrey, less than two hours drive away. We arrived there shortly after noon and went immediately to the post office where a letter was waiting from Rev. Ventura Ledesma of Cadereyta Jiminez, a town located about twenty-five miles to the east of Monterrey.

In his communication he mentioned they held services only on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings, so we decided to drive on to Cadereyta at once. We arrived in this quaint little town about six o'clock in the evening, parked our car at the plaza, and began looking up this brother to let him know we were there to enjoy another good Defender service.

Cadereyta Jiminez is a very primitive town, with a population of about three thousand. Located in the very heart of the city is the plaza, with the large cathedral at one end. There was also the usual supply of street vendors selling everything from tamales to shoestrings.

As we strolled around the sidewalk which encompassed the plaza, we kept our eyes open, searching for a nearby restaurant where we could have our evening meal.

Before locating one, however, we came upon a group of local citizens enjoying the old fashioned tamales wrapped in corn shucks, so we decided to do likewise. We paid one peso (about

eight cents in American money) for seven of these delicious morsels.

After completing this repast, we continued our search for Brother Ledesma. We inquired of two different people as to his whereabouts and it so happened the second person we asked was a member of the congregation. In fact, the services were conducted in his home! What a small world indeed.

This fine person played a guitar so, together with the accordion which I always carry with me, we conducted an opening musical service which drew a large crowd.

Once again, the congregation of Defender worshippers made us feel at home. A feeling of love and welcome permeated the atmosphere ... and this same spirit has been encountered on all our visits to Defender Churches, whether in the United States, in Mexico or in Puerto Rico.

A Needy Field

It is difficult to put into words the joy which has been ours while visiting various Defender Churches, but as a regular *Defender* reader I can say we were greatly impressed and pleased with the excellent work that is being done in Mexico with these fine, deserving people, who have so little of this world's goods, and yet are blessed by having a Defender testimony in their locale, thus making it possible for them to learn of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross for them.

Many Mexicans are taking advantage of the opportunity to find Christ in these worship centers. Their spiritual needs are being fulfilled.

It is our prayer that the day will soon arrive when their other needs will also be met. This can only be accomplished through the prayers and offerings of friends such as you, who are reading this article. I pray your heart will be touched to send a gift, of any amount, to aid in the work in Mexico.

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INVADERS FOR CHRIST!

AS THIS ISSUE OF *The Defender* is going to press a Team of consecrated Defender Christians is traveling through Mexico, enroute to Central America to heed the Macedonian Call of those benighted areas.

Referring to themselves as "Invaders For Christ," each member of the Team carries in his or her heart a burden for lost souls, especially as related to the Spanish-speaking peoples of the world.

Starting out from the Island of Puerto Rico several weeks ago, the Team consisted of Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Dr. Julio Gonzalez Diaz, Mr. Felipe Melendez and Miss Abigail Melendez.

Arriving in New York City they added to their forces Dr. J. A. Hernandez, Miss Gloria E. Hernandez, Mr. Pedro Juarez and Mr. Francisco Rosado, thus bringing to eight their total strength.

From New York the workers visited Defender Spanish churches in the Chicago area and then stopped off for a few days in Wichita before heading south into Mexico and Central America.

The purpose of this brief article is merely to acquaint you with these dedicated servants of Christ. In future issues of *The Defender* detailed accounts of what they are accomplishing will be published.

The name J. F. Rodriguez is familiar to *Defender* readers. He invited Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, founder of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, to his native Island in 1931, to hold a series of meetings in his church, located at Guayama.

From this first visit, the vision of these two men for the evangelizing of this Caribbean Island has become a reality. Scattered across this Spanish-speaking field are chains of Defender Chapel-Churches, most of which are pastored by graduates of the Defenders Theological Seminary, of which Dr. Rodriguez is the President.

It would take volumes to present a full orb'd picture of the life of this twentieth-century miracle of grace. Few people know the background of this man who has, in spite of adverse circumstances, grown to maturity as one of God's choicest servants.

A Man Of Dignity

A man of dignity, he is at the same time humble, yet wise . . . a diplomat who excels in making one feel at ease

and at home. Those on the island, who have come to know him best, find in him a tower of strength. The Defenders organization is fortunate to have such an individual to superintend all their missionary endeavors in the West Indies.

The second member of the team from Puerto Rico, Dr. Julio Gonzalez Diaz, is also a long-time Defender worker. For more than twenty-five years he and his faithful wife have pastored one of the largest congregations on the Island, located in the heart of metropolitan San Juan.

Mr. Felipe Melendez, a Puerto Rican Christian layman and active participant in Defender missionary efforts on the Island, is the third member of the Team.

He brought along with him, as the fourth member, his daughter, Miss Abigail Melendez, a dedicated Christian young lady who has spent some time in New York City where she was of invaluable help to the work of the Defenders organization among the young people in that area.

Dr. Jose A. Hernandez is also well-known to Defender readers. No story of missionary endeavors would be complete without the mention of his name (or that of his wife Gloria, for that matter).

These two devoted servants of Christ have sacrificed far beyond the call of duty, in their earnestness to see the Gospel taken to their people here in the United States.

Residing in an over-crowded section of New York City, they have proven themselves experts at the task of deriving full value from every penny that passes through their hands.

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send these friends only a small amount each month . . . yet what the Hernandez husband-wife team accomplishes with our small contributions is miraculous.

Their hours of service are long, arduous, sometimes even thankless . . . yet from their lips there is never heard a word of complaint. Their positive approach to the challenge of missions in the New York City area is a source of inspiration.

His wife was unable to accompany him on this latest missionary effort, but one of his daughters, (also named Gloria), is giving her many talents a workout, as the Team establishes beachhead after beachhead enroute to its final destination.

An accomplished pianist and soloist, Gloria supervises the work of the young people in the New York City area, and her father lovingly refers to her as his "right hand." She is also a capable secretary, a dedicated young lady for the Cause of Christ.

Destination Brownsville

The last two members of the Team, both former natives of Puerto Rico, but more recently residents of New York City, plan to settle down in Brownsville, Texas where they will devote themselves to Defender missions among the Spanish-speaking peoples of this border town, as well as keep a hand on the work in various cities located in Mexico.

Mr. Pedro Juarez, a retired professor, taught Spanish for many years, coming to New York City in 1927. He has been actively engaged in Defender missionary endeavors in this metropolis for quite some time, and a close friend of the work for more than twenty years.

Brother Juarez recently felt led to dedicate the balance of his life to aiding Spanish-speaking peoples, taking the Gospel to them. He has moved his headquarters to Brownsville, where he will reside on Social Security benefits.

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Friends of Defender missions made it possible recently to purchase a secondhand automobile for Brother Juarez' use in Brownsville.

Accompanying this servant of Christ to their new field is a young man with a most intriguing background, Mr. Francisco Rosado, known affectionately as Frank by his new-found American friends. Although scarcely twenty years of age, his life story, if translated to paper, would read almost like fiction.

Born into a family of fourteen, he was literally "dumped" by his parents at a very early age, to shift for himself.

This may seem like a heartless thing to do but it must be remembered that in Puerto Rico the average resident lives in abject poverty. The prospect of feeding another mouth is not always welcomed.

Frank, who virtually lived "from pillar to post," was forced to leave school at an early age and seek employment wherever he could find same, in order to keep body and soul together.

He shined shoes in San Juan from morning to night and, in later years, caddied at the local golf clubs. Eventually he was able to come to New York City where he became acquainted with friends there who persuaded him to start attending church services. It was not long until he gave his heart to God.

Brother Juarez, who is a bachelor, befriended Frank, assisted in obtaining a job for him, and helped the young man along as best he could in this newfound life as a Christian.

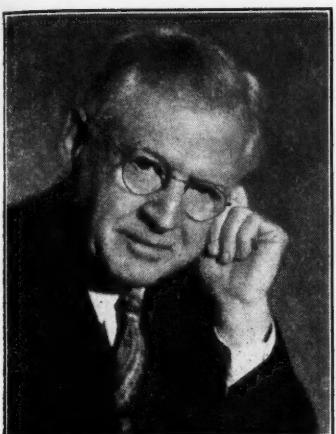
When Frank gives his testimony, ready tears flood his eyes as he tells of God's graciousness in watching over him, and in giving him such good, new friends here in America.

Since Mr. Juarez does not drive, Frank has volunteered to go to Brownsville with him, serving as his chauffeur and helper ... and at the same time adding his word of testimony to those of his friend.

From Brownsville the Team goes to Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua ... then on to Los Angeles to dedicate a new Defender Church among the Spanish-speaking peoples on the West Coast.

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THE WELFARE SCANDAL

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WHILE WE ARE wondering if the day will ever return in America when a man can keep what he earns — instead of turning over big chunks of it to the politicians in taxes — we ought to take a look at one of our numerous tax-eating schemes. It is the "social-welfare" racket.

What started out as a supposedly kindly program to aid distressed people during the Great Depression has now grown into an almost uncontrollable monster.

Here are a few startling figures which illustrate what I mean.

The Council of the State Chambers of Commerce has made a study of these so-called "social-welfare" payments. Incidentally, "social-welfare" is a fancy name for what used to be called just plain "relief" — or "doles."

Back in the year 1935 we were in a state of depression. It was a period of great slackness in business. Millions of people were out of work.

In that year, the government spent three billion dollars on social-welfare payments. That was a great deal of money — as much money as it had cost to run the entire United States government only a few years earlier.

But perhaps some excuse could be made for those expenditures because of conditions in the country at the time — though even then there was a good deal of waste and even scandal involved in the handouts.

But consider this: In 1935, in a period of deep depression, the government spent three billion dollars on so-called social welfare.

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It looks like the government is taking care of them. But actually, it is the steady, hardworking people and their employers who contribute all the money.

Recently, a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* made a thorough investigation of this whole "social-welfare" situation. He found whole families — and they were not isolated instances either — which make a career of living on relief.

One father was an ex-convict who said he couldn't work because he had swollen feet. Two of his sons, after serving an apprenticeship in reform schools, also declined to work, although there were six younger children in the family.

Over the years, this family collected \$100,000.00 in welfare funds. A private welfare official declared that all this help was "totally and sinfully wasted."

Then there's an office worker who earned a salary for many years. But he never saved a penny because he liked the horses. Now he's on relief — and spends all his time at the race track, with the help of your tax dollars.

Part of this welfare racket has to do with helping dependent children. It started out as a program to give aid to youngsters who were orphaned, or where one parent or the other could not take care of them properly. Now your tax dollars go to support thousands and thousands of women who make a career of having illegitimate children.

All this, of course, is the logical result of welfare-statism. So far as the fiscal problem is concerned, it can be summed up in one sentence:

No nation in history which went in for large-scale government handouts ever succeeded in escaping bankruptcy.

There is only one answer to both the moral and fiscal problem involved in welfare-statism. That is to return the whole thing to the states and cities, and to private welfare agencies, where it can be watched more closely, and where it does not become a tool of vote-hungry federal politicians.

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John Noble ... St. Martin's Press, cloth binding, 192 pages, price \$2.95.

SHORTLY AFTER V-E DAY in 1945 an American citizen disappeared into the Russian zone of Germany. From that time and for the next ten years John Noble was a prisoner of the Communists — shunted from Muehlberg to Buchenwald, from Dresden to the Arctic.

When he crossed the border of East Berlin into the American sector, he brought with him a shocking and inspiring eye-witness account of life behind barbed wire, of the monumental struggle of Christians to maintain and secure their faith in the face of forty years of official communist atheism.

His account, based on his personal experience in the Soviet slave labor camps, has captured the interest of Christians throughout the world.

A noted evangelist, upon reading this latest volume from the pen of John Noble, said:

"Here is a still-young American Protestant layman telling the world for the first time of the valiant heroism of Christian laymen and clergy whom he found among his fellow prisoners in the slave labor camps and especially in the dread camp of Vorkuta.

"It is a story of thousands upon thousands of laymen and women who remain loyal to Christ and, by their example, gain converts in the very place where Christianity has been most bitterly persecuted.

"Let all who read this story be in-

spired to place their faith in Jesus Christ, as John Noble has placed his, to the end that mankind can triumph over the forces of godless tyranny."

The list of chapter titles in this volume is most intriguing. Casting an eye down the Contents Page, the reader is immediately challenged to dismiss everything from his mind and commence reading, for he will find listed such provoking headings as:

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The Miracle Of Bread
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Return To Freedom

As mentioned above, these are only a few captions for the twenty-two exciting chapters in this volume.

In the opening pages Mr. Noble gives the purpose of this, his latest book:

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During the decade I spent in communist prisons and labor camps I saw many terrible things. I also saw some glorious ones, things more heartening than any other news I bring out of the Soviet Union. My message is this: I found God in Soviet Russia.

I found God for myself through personal conversion and, even more significantly for the world at large, I met many others who had had a similar experience.

I discovered that the Christian religion is surviving communist persecution in East Germany and in Soviet Russia itself. I found that secret worship services were held and converts won for Christ even in Vorkuta itself, one of the slave-labor camps in the Soviet Arctic.

Having learned to speak and understand Russian, I found myself in close contact with Russian engineers and workers, and realized that there is deep interest in the Christian religion among both groups. In spite of their forty-year exposure to official atheism, or perhaps because of it, they hunger for the spiritual values they have been denied.

This evidence I am able to bring back to the free world, and through it the glorious tidings of a faith that cannot be killed.

I have seen Christianity under the most terrible persecution it has suffered since the days of Nero, and I have seen abundant proof that faith in Christ, the Saviour, is still alive in Russia today in the very places where the Communists have tried hardest to stamp it out, the concentration camps ...

I wish that this mission to testify had been given to someone more eloquent than I — or rather that I, to whom it has been given, were more eloquent.

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Shortly after his return to the United States Mr. Noble spent over two weeks in Washington briefing State Department officials on all he saw and heard.

He now spends most of his time lecturing throughout the country, endeavoring to explain and convince a free people that concessions of any kind on our part are unnecessary in dealing with the Communists.

Their own internal weakness, due to political instability as well as economic trouble, gives us a priceless opportunity to call their bluff, he says.

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

October 18, 1959

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

BIBLE VERSE



"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Acts 3:6.

The Key Word: Alms

The general distribution of property in Israel, and the precautions taken to prevent the alienation of inheritances on the one hand, as well as the undue accumulation of wealth on the other, with the promised blessing of Jehovah in case of obedience, tended to make extreme poverty very rare. Still, there would arise cases of need.

Specific provisions were made for the regular distribution of alms on a large scale among the poorer members of the commonwealth — the Sabbatical year — "that the poor of the people might eat," (Exodus 23:11); the gleanings of field and fruit and the forgotten sheaf (Leviticus 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19-22); the tithings laid up in store every third year for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow (Deuteronomy 14:28,29); the freeing at Jubilee of the poor (Leviticus 25:39-54); the law giving the poor the right to enter a field or vineyard and satisfy hunger (Deuteronomy 23:24,25); interest forbidden on loans to the poor (Exodus 22:25, Leviticus 25:35,36); the command to entertain at the annual festivals the Levite, stranger, orphan, and poor (Deuteronomy 16:11-14).

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Very naturally, almsgiving came to be considered a virtue (Ezekiel 18:7, Proverbs 19:17), and a violation of the statutes regarding it a heinous sin (Isaiah 58:6,7).

Among the later Jews poverty became quite prevalent, owing to foreign dominion and the oppression of wealthy Israelites. The Mosaic statutes were changed to meet the increasing claims upon the charity and benevolence of the community.

Two collections were ordered: (1) a daily collection of food, distributed every morning; and (2) a weekly collection of money, distributed weekly.

There was also a chamber in the temple where alms were secretly deposited for the poor of good families who did not wish to receive charity openly. Almsgiving came to be associated with merit, and was looked upon as a means of conciliating God's favor and warding off evil (Daniel 4:27), and as among the essential virtues of the godly (Isaiah 58:4-7, Ezekiel 18:7, Amos 2:7).

To be reduced to soliciting alms was regarded as a curse from God, and Judaism gave no encouragement to begging as a sacred calling. —Unger's Bible Dictionary

The Key Verse: Acts 3:6

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

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with the men from whom no help is to be expected, with those who hang upon others. The speech, however, does not end there.

"Rise up and walk," says the penniless man. Why, Pilate who was the great man at Jerusalem, or Caesar who was yet greater at Rome, would never have dared to utter anything so bold.

Peter, however, ventured in Christ's name, and the result was perfect soundness given immediately by the great Author of life, who has made our frames so curiously and can repair them so easily.

Peter walked through the streets of Jerusalem on that memorable morning an unobserved and undistinguished man. Many passed him by, probably, who had upon them the trappings of worldly wealth, or were swelling with the pride of office, and if they looked upon the obscure Galilean in the face, would have taken him for one of the many thousand drudges who filled the streets of Jerusalem.

Yet was there a hidden power within which made him really greater than the world's rulers.

The Key Fact: Faith Is Power

Two men were wandering through the mountains in Nevada. While there, they discovered curious veins running through the rocks.

One of them studied these veins with the interest of a geologist, and chiseled out a few specimens for his cabinet. The other, who was an expert in ores, believed that he had found a silver mine of great richness.

When his companion had passed on with his specimens in his pocket, he returned and staked out a claim. He then perfected his title to that claim, worked it and became a millionaire.

Was it the mine that enriched this man or his faith in the mine? Evidently it was his faith. And so it is the world over.

It is not enough to know of a good thing and to be able to grasp it. We must believe in it and take possession of it. There is, of course, no value in faith if what we believe is worthless. However, when God is taken at His word and fully trusted, there is exercised a confidence which enables its possessor to defy all adverse power.

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LESSON NUMBER TWO

October 25, 1959

AN UNSHAKABLE TESTIMONY

BIBLE VERSE



"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:32.

The Key Word: Boldness

Four hundred and forty-two years ago this week — on October 31, 1517, to be exact — Martin Luther ignited the blaze which history calls the Protestant Reformation.

He did this by nailing to the church door at Wittenberg a paper listing in a series of ninety-five challenges his objections to the activities and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church as he, a priest, knew them.

About four years later Luther was called to the city of Worms to stand trial for heresy, and the representatives of the pope demanded that he retract what he had said and written contrary to the official position of the church.

Luther agreed to retract anything which could be shown to conflict with the Word of God, but insisted that he could not deny any part of that Word for any council or a thousand popes. He concluded with the words, "Here I stand. I can not do differently. God help me. Amen!"

The rulers of the world have had occasion many times to wonder why God's people do not cringe and cower before them. The people of God have a secret which the world has not learned. They have seen the power and glory of the Almighty, and having seen, they are not likely to be unduly impressed by the pomp and pageantry of puppet princes on earth.

They have heard the commands of God, and having heard, they are not likely to welcome countering orders from men. They have opened their hearts to the promises of the Father above, and thus are not likely to be too much moved by threats from the children of men.

Peter and John were among those who had seen and heard and opened their hearts to God. They could join

the triumphant cry, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" —Standard Commentary

The Key Verse: Acts 4:12

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In Germany there was a prison of exquisite beauty; its floors and walls were highly polished; it was roofless, and the prisoner could look out upon the beautiful sky. A prisoner was placed therein and, for a moment, congratulated himself upon the polish and splendor of his place of imprisonment.

After a time, however, he observed that the walls were gradually approaching him, and as they came closer and closer the cold sweat stood upon his brow, for he saw that those walls were soon to embrace him in the arms of death. There was but one way of escape, and that was from above; a friendly hand might possibly be put down, but there was no such friendly hand for him.

That represents the condition of humanity; the walls are approaching. There is but one way of escape, and the relief comes from above.

The Son of the Highest from His Father's throne is reaching down His hand of power into our dungeon; our hope is to grasp it, or the walls of our dungeon will crush us to death.

The Key Fact: Christians Are Courageous

There is a wide difference between a Christian and a worldly man in times of trouble. The worldly man is timid, irritable and restless; the Christian is calm, courageous and hopeful.

Nothing can calm and strengthen a man more than a full assurance of God's protection. Three things show that the disciples were endowed with Divine fortitude:

(1) Look at their noble defense. Peter speaks courageously and eloquently for Christ.

(2) Look at their bold attack. Peter charged his accusers with ignorance, they had rejected Christ; he charged them with sin, they had crucified Christ.

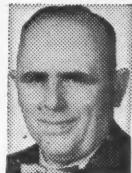
(3) Look at their undaunted spirit. They were commanded to cease from preaching; but they remained steadfast to the truth.

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LESSON NUMBER THREE

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THE JOY OF FELLOWSHIP

BIBLE VERSE



"But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20.

The Key Word: All

Melancthon mourned in his day the divisions among Protestants, and sought to bring them together by the parable of the war between the wolves and the dogs. The wolves were somewhat afraid, for the dogs were many and strong, and therefore they sent out a spy to observe them.

On his return, the scout said, "It is true the dogs are many, but there are not many mastiffs among them. There are dogs of so many sorts one can hardly count them; and as for the worst of them," said he, "they are little dogs, which bark loudly, but cannot bite."

"However," he continued, "this did not cheer me so much as this, that as they came marching on, I observed they were all snapping right and left at one another, and I could see clearly that though they all hate the wolf, yet each dog hates every other dog with all his heart."

And this description fits all too many factions of Protestantism today . . . even among those so-called fundamentalists. There are many teachers and pastors who snap right and left at their own brethren, when they had better save their teeth for the wolves.

If our enemies are to be put to confusion, it must be by the united efforts of all the people of God for in unity is strength.

One of the most impressive weapons the devil wields is the sword of division. He dares to enter into the very hearts of God's children, spreading disarray and confusion.

He rubs his hands with glee and his laughter fills the vast halls of hell when he succeeds in influencing a child of God to turn against his brother in Christ.

The Key Verse: Acts 4:33

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

A certain young man was asked what had led him to turn aside from his wild and thoughtless career to become a follower of Jesus.

Was it a sermon or a book that had improved him? He answered very emphatically, "No." Had anyone spoken to him specially on the subject of religion? "No. It was a Christian man who boarded at the same house with me."

"Did he ever talk to you about your soul?" "No, never, till I sought an interview with him; but there was a sweetness in his disposition, a heavenly-mindedness about him, that made me feel that he had a source of comfort and peace to which I was a stranger."

"His whole life was a sermon," the young man continued. "I sought an interview with him. He pointed me to Jesus Christ, prayed with me and counseled me."

The world rarely heeds the words that may fall from our lips. Nor does it take particular note of the philosophy we may adhere to. But you may rest assured it watches with stealthy eye our way of life.

The Key Fact: Christianity Stresses Liberality

Perhaps there never was a more charitable man than John Wesley. His liberality knew no bounds but an empty pocket.

He gave away, not merely a certain part of his income, but all that he had; his own wants being provided for, he devoted all the rest to the necessities of others.

He entered upon this good work at a very early period. We are told that when he had thirty pounds a year, he lived on twenty-eight and gave away forty shillings.

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During the rest of his life he lived economically; and in the course of fifty years, it has been supposed he gave away more than thirty thousand pounds.

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

November 8, 1959

THE PRICE OF DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE VERSE



"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

The Key Word: Council

The arrest of Peter and his brother apostles took place at the instigation of the council before whom they were brought. It was the intent of the rulers to make the new doctrine odious by making its teachers criminals. Thus reasoned the rulers.

Moreover, they believed that truth confined behind bars and stone walls could not be very dangerous. But how little they understood the nature of the truth!

There is a vitality in ideas utterly beyond the power of man to conceive. When once they are fully grasped by and instilled into the mind, they become living, permanent influences.

The teachings were safely lodged in men's hearts outside the prison, and not confined within the prison.

The rulers also made the mistake of supposing that they could prevent the growth of the gospel by the power of authority. "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this Name?"

They had no doubt as to their power to suppress it. But human authority takes no account of the intense enthusiasm which truth inspires in men who believe it, and the degree of self-sacrifice which it can evoke.

This incident in the history of the early Church clearly shows that ideas cannot be suppressed by persecuting their advocates; and yet the world is very slow in learning this lesson. Fanatic, dreamer, bigot, heretic, are names freely hurled against individuals who are doing what they can for their fellow-men. But these titles have no more power to prevent thought or action than a thistledown can keep back the tides.

The Key Verse: Acts 5:42

"And daily in the temple, and in ev-

ery house, they ceased not to preach Jesus Christ."

Little beginnings have large endings. A man drops a small seed upon the earth, and it starts up and expands into a tree of a thousand arms.

That slender rill that leaps from a rock presently increases to a stream, and the stream swells into a river, and the river, gathering as it rolls, becomes the arm of the sea; and then there is a mingling, a sweeping, and a spreading of the waters through the circuit of the broad ocean.

And so of the rise and progress of the religion of Jesus. At first there was the utterance of a single voice in the solitudes of the wilderness, and next was the testimony of the Son of God Himself in the village and in the city; forthwith was the gathering of the twelve, and a declaration from these of the gospel to the surrounding nations.

Then arose from the apostles the great company of preachers multiplying and widening their circles of influence abroad the earth unto this present, and looking forward we anticipate the time when the whole world, now lying in darkness, shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the channels of the sea.

The Key Fact: Christianity Is Eternal

What has been the fate of the antagonists of Christianity? "Gibbon, Voltaire, Chesterfield, Hume and Paine," said an unbeliever, "are the champions of infidelity. Their works completely overthrew Christianity."

"What!" said a Christian, "overthrow Christianity! Are you aware of the way in which the Most High God has thwarted their designs and overruled their evil purposes?

"Let me tell you that in Gibbon's hotel at Lake Leman is a room where Bibles are sold. The printing press from which Voltaire's infidel works were issued has been used to print the Word of God. Chesterfield's parlor, once an infidel club room, is now a vestry where Christians meet for prayer and praise.

"Hume predicted the death of Christianity in twenty years, but he has gone to his grave, and the first meeting of the Bible Society in Edinburgh was held in the room where the prince of skeptics died. Paine, on landing at New York, was foolish enough to prophesy that in five years not a Bible would be found in the United States. But it is a fact that there are more Bible Societies today in America than in any other country in the world." Thus has God mocked the skeptics!

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LESSON NUMBER FIVE

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STEPHEN — THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR



"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

The Key Word: Stephen

Stephen had probably never seen our Lord, but was, in all likelihood, a pentecostal convert. Otherwise how could such a man have missed nomination to the vacant apostleship?

The apostles had forsaken all to follow Christ, but it nowhere appears that Stephen had gone through similar hardships. His fiery trials blazed out upon him all at once, and the language of our Lord concerning the late-called laborers adapts itself with nicety in his case. He could not be said to have borne the burden and heat of the day. So we learn that God has varieties of trial, and applies them to the different characters of His servants.

For Peter there is a long, wearing warfare; for John a wearisome, desolate waiting; for Stephen the letting loose upon him at the opening of his career all the hounds of hell in one fell pack. Us, perhaps, He subjects only to those little crosses, as well as comforts, God chooses what is best for us. It is possible to reach a great height of sanctity by submitting quietly and lovingly to ordinary trials.

Stephen seems to have outstripped the apostles in spiritual intelligence, in appreciation of the breadth, comprehensiveness and spirituality of the Divine plans. He was the morning star who ushered in the dawn of Paul's ministry.

It is evident that the theology of the one was that of the other. Peter clung long to Jewish prejudices, and we have no reason to suppose that the other apostles were further advanced.

In zeal for his Master's honor, and devotion to his Master's cause, Stephen appears to have outstripped his contemporaries. Peter had denied his Lord, and long after, at Antioch, showed that he was not entirely emancipated from moral

cowardice. But Stephen from first to last was as bold as a lion.

The Key Verse: Acts 7:60

"And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

If we examine the history of the world, we shall find that many of the evils which from age to age have afflicted mankind, have arisen from a revengeful and unforgiving spirit.

In ancient times this spirit, exerting itself without control, diffused over every land its baneful influence, producing contention and strife and every evil work.

This spirit, so adverse to human improvement, our Saviour set Himself upon all occasions to correct and to subdue. He inculcated brotherly love to an extent till then altogether unknown. This consideration should lead us earnestly to cultivate a meek and forgiving spirit.

In this spirit there is a dignity, a magnanimity, an excellence, which the sons of dissipation and the votaries of pleasure may envy and ridicule, but which the Christian, who aspires to the inheritance of the blessed, will cherish as one of the highest attainments that can adorn his character. And while he does so, every revengeful principle will die in his breast. He will be at peace with all mankind.

The Key Fact: Christians Fear Not Death

You cannot find in the New Testament any of those hateful representations of dying which men have invented, by which death is portrayed as a ghastly skeleton with a scythe, or something equally revolting. The figures by which death is represented in the New Testament are very different. One is that of falling asleep in Jesus.

When a little child has played all day long, and becomes tired out, and the twilight has sent it in weariness to its mother's knee, where it thinks it has come for more excitement, then, almost in the midst of its frolicking, and not knowing what influence is creeping over it, it falls back in the mother's arms, and nestles close to the sweetest and softest couch that ever cheek pressed and, with lengthening breath, sleeps; and she smiles and is glad, and sits humming unheard joy over its head. So we fall asleep in Jesus.

We have played long enough at the games of life, and at last we feel the approach of death. We are tired out, and we lay our head back on the bosom of Christ and quietly fall asleep.

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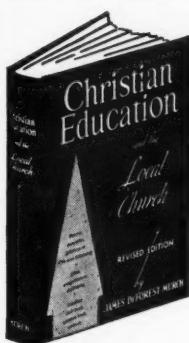
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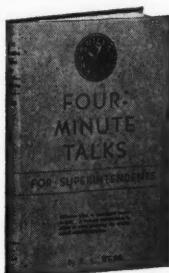
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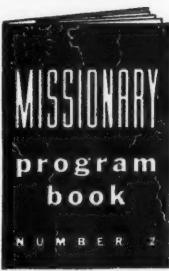
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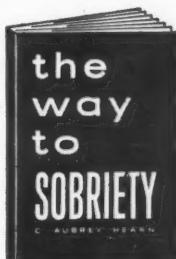
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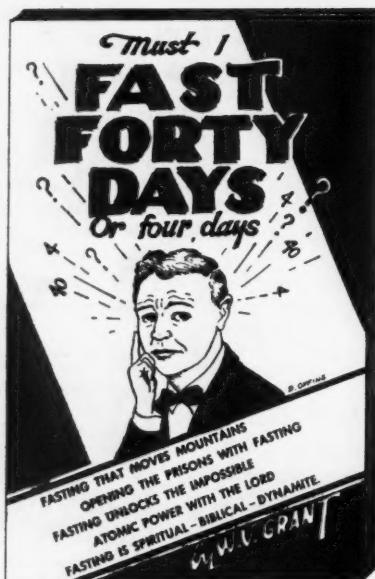
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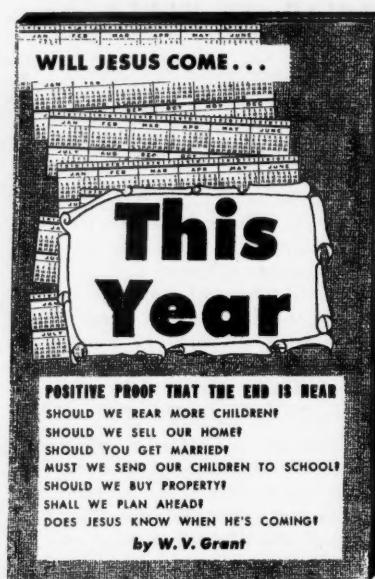


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